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# German Unity Trauma Taxes East (and West)

# Three Years After the Berlin Wall. Economy's Rebound Elusive as Ever

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Tunes Service

DUISBURG, Germany — More than three years after the initial cuphonia over reunification, Germans are beginning to discover that they have to build a new country not only in the formerly Communist East, but also in the industrial West, requiring new ways of thinking and more sacrifice than they

Those in the West learned quickly that absorbing East Germany establed more than ... Many workers at the giant Thyssen steel enlarging and enriching the old Federal Re- works in this port and manufacturing city in public of Germany. The new, united Germa- the West have long been sullen and resentful ny is finding that the world after the Cold-over the prospect of sacrificing living stan-War is a more harshly competitive place than dards so that their less fortunate counterparts it was before.

For many West Germans, the biggest shock is the discovery that the forces that made their country the nichest welfare state in Europe and made its economy the Continent's most powerful can no longer guarantee the annual raises and increases in leasure time and the social security that they took for granted for decades.

Nowhere is the shock more dramatic than in the Ruhr, where recession and inexpensive imports have thrown the steel industry, long the core of the region's prosperity, into crisis.

In the Ruhr, whose sinews of coal and steel

used to power the German industrial economy, some of the economic and social problems might have struck, as they did in the American "Rust Belt" a decade earlier, even if the Berlin Wall had not fallen. Like other countries, Germany is affected by competition in high-quality manufacturing and tech-nology from East Asia, but since 1989 it has suddenly had a highly trained, low-wage work force just across its own border, in

over the prospect of sacrificing living stanin East Germany could improve theirs.

They worried about the influx of foreign asylum-seekers and a wave of rightist violence against foreigners. Last summer, the rules for admitting foreign refugees were tightened, and their numbers have dropped, as have those of right-wing attacks.

Today, with more than 3.5 million Germans out of work and no sign that memployends, many workers here seem more worried about losing their jobs to global economic

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# U.S. Role in Europe Shrinks In Wake of Yugoslav War

By William Drozdiak and Daniel Williams

Although it has failed to end the war, Western policy in Bosnia-Herzegovina has brought about an important shift in the relationship the United States has with its key allies in Western Europe. For the first time since World War II, Europeans have asserted primacy over Washington in the handling of a key regional con-

The United States continues to lead its North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies in the con-struction of a new relegionship with Russia. But the refusal of two successive U.S. administrations to countit ground troops to the former Yugoslavia reflects what is seen both in Washngton and on the Continent as a U.S. retreat

The surge of Russian nationalism, as shown by the rise of Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky's rightist party in the Dec. 12 elections, is likely to thwart full U.S. withdrawal. The United States is still seen as the ultimate guarantor against resurgent imperialism by the world's second nuclear pow-

"Russia is the key factor; all others are extra-neous," a senior State Department official said. But the new threat of ethnic warfare in Enrope demonstrates a divergence of interests for allies who, as long as the Soviet Union existed,

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## **Kidnappers Flee** With \$10 Million

MINERALNIYE VODY, Russia (AP) - Four masked kidnappers fled with \$10 million in ransom after landing their explosive-packed military helicopter and freeing its captive pilots on Sunday.

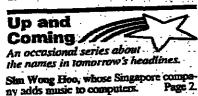
The Itar-Tass news agency reported that the gunner abandoned the ancraft in a suburb of Makhachkala, on the Caspian Sea, the capital of Russia's semi-autonomous republic of Dagestan.

The terrorists left the helicopter and escaped in an unknown direction," it said.
"An active search for the criminals was launched." Earlier Sunday, the gammen freed three hostages held since Thursday and took off from the airport at Mineralnive Vody, a mineral springs resort.

#### 7 Die in Philippines Attack MANILA (AP) - Unidentified at-

tackers burled three grenades into a Roman Catholic cathedral packed with worshippers on Sunday, Filling seven people and wounding about 130 others. The attack was at the San Pedro Cathe-

dral in Davao City, the largest city on Mindanao island in the southern Philippines. Five people were killed in a similar attack at the cathedral in 1981.



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believed their security aims must remain indi-

For the first time since World War II, the United States did not take the lead in handling a Continental security crisis. The fragmenta tion of Yugoslavia was seen in Washington as a problem that should be resolved by the Europe-

an Community.

Many Emopeans perceive Washington's re-luctance to send even a symbolic contingent to oin the 10,000 European troops in the former Yugoslavia as part of a growing American reti-

cence to become involved in any conflict not diocely affecting its national interests.

The Chiton presidency at first signaled a willingness to roll back Serbian aggressors in Bosnia. But President Bill Clinton's reluctance to send ground troops undermined U.S. leverage with the Europeans. In the end, the administration allowed European leaders to block a Chinton plan to arm Bosnia's Muslims and use air strikes against the Serbs, and has twice gooe

ar strikes against the Seros, and has twice gove along with European-backed peace plans that Washington initially opposed.

Now, even though NATO has prepared, in painstaking detail, a blueprint to enforce an eventual peace agreement in Bosma, U.S. diplo-mats acknowledge that it seems highly mulikely that the United States will dispatch half of the

50,000 soldiers necessary to carry out the NATO plan, as Washington initially promised. Some European diplomats in Washington say the NATO summit meeting early next month in Brussels ought to take up the next stage of peacekeeping in Bosnia. The diplomats say Europe should seek a new commitment from Mr. Clinton that U.S. troops will participate in implementing any peace agreement. But after debacles involving U.S. forces in Somalia and Haiti, American officials say it would take a sustained public relations effort by Mr. Clinton to convince Congress and the public of the wisdom of sending troops to the Balkans.

Instead, the Clinton administration is expecting endorsement at the NATO summit of

its new plan to build pan-European security, called the Partnership for Peace. The proposal would encourage military ties, joint exercises and planning among NATO, the former Warsaw Pact countries and the former Soviet republics without extending NATO protection to

Although the plan is likely to be endorsed, it has not weakened the new belief among U.S. affices that Washington is ceding its dominant security role. The Europeans point to events such as the recent complaint by Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher that American policy had been "too Eurocentric" in the past and that future initiatives should be more foensed on Asia.

Mr. Christopher's insistence at a recent NATO meeting on the need to secure a global trade deal provided further evidence to the Europeans that the Clinton administration places a higher priority on U.S. economic interests than on Continental security questions. The Europeans, meanwhile, are embarking on a new imitative to prevent future Yugosla-vias from exploding. France will host a Europe-

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Security guards taking photographs Sunday before Mao's portrait in Trananmen Square.

# China Gingerly Celebrates The Centennial of Mao

New York Times Service

BELJING - Ten thousand Communist Parmembers and their guests filed into the Great Hall of the People in Tiananmen Square on of Mao Zedong's birth.

The centennial was a sensitive milestone for China's next generation of rulers as they try to erect a political edifice featuring Mao's image as the revolutionary founder of Communist China on the same level reserved for Deng Xiaoping, the current paramount leader, who ignited China's economic boom 15 years ago.

When Mr. Deng came to power in 1978, he was widely regarded as having rescued China from more than two decades of Mao's political

purges and social angineering that cost the lives of tens of millions of Chinese. For the two Chinese Communist titans to share quarters in the same pantheon is an unnatural arrangement, or so many Chinese believe.

munist Party rule, President Jiang Zemin stood before a huge portrait of the party founder and bonded the histories of Mao and Mr. Deng, It was the culmination of some artful historical revisionism that has been taking shape for sev-

Absent from the hall was Mr. Deng, the 89year-old Chinese patriarch, who 15 years ago ceeded Mao as paramount leader and who is

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# North Korea Likely To Have Developed Own Atomic Bomb, **CIA Tells President**

By Stephen Engelberg and Michael R. Gordon

Cribune

New York Times Service WASHINGTON — The Central Intelligence Agency has told President Bill Clinton that North Korea has probably developed one or two nuclear bombs, administration officials

The classified assessment — supported by virtually all intelligence agencies but disputed by the State Department's analysts — deepens the administration's dilemma as it tries to fulfill Mr. Clinton's pledge that "North Korea cannot

be allowed to develop a nuclear bomb."

If confirmed, North Korea's nuclear status would have significant implications for Asian stability. Many American officials say they fear it would touch off an arms race in the region and push Japan to develop atomic weapons. Some officials contend that the administration is playing down the recently completed

intelligence study because it calls into question the effectiveness of its diplomatic efforts to persuade North Korea to abandon its nuclear But other senior administration policymak-

ers question the assertions, arguing they repre-

The CIA believes Libya, Iraq, North Korea and Iran could develop missiles. Page 3.

sent a "worst case" analysis that is based not on conclusive proof but on estimates about the amount of plutonium the North Koreans could have produced and assessments on the pace of

their program.
"What the intelligence community is saying is that the horse is already out of the barn." one official said. "It's too late."

Asked about the new assessment, Clinton administration officials said they were still determined to pursue diplomacy to prevent North Korea from producing more phytonium for nuclear weapons, or, if the study proves correct, to force the country to relinquish its bombs.

Pentagon officials have said that the option of a preemptive strike against North Korea's nuclear installations is not an attractive one. because it would risk a war and American intelligence does not know where Pyongyang

has hidden its plutonium or bomb. The comprehensive review of Pyongvang's nuclear program represents the collective judg-ment of United States intelligence agencies and was presented to Mr. Clinton and senior White House officials in recent weeks. Defense Secretary Les Aspin and Senator Sam Nunn, Demoстаї of Georgia, the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, have alluded to the report's conclusions, but with more ambiguity than the document itself.

The document, called a National Intelligence Estimate, says there is a "better than even" chance that North Korea already has a nuclear bomb and holds out little hope that the Clinton

government's nuclear program. It argues that diplomatic efforts or economic sanctions, a next step contemplated by some officials, are unlikely to succeed and that sanctions could even prompt an attack by the North Koreans

Most of the intelligence analysts agree that North Korea is investing significant amounts of cash in a program to obtain plutonium, develop the high-explosive trigger needed for a nuclear detonation and build a medium-range missile.

The study estimates that North Korea could have extracted as much as 12 kilograms of plutonium (about 26 pounds), which would be enough under optimum conditions for two

American officials also said they had detected craters near the nuclear site at Yongbyon

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# China Opposes **UN Sanctions** On Pyongyang

By Steven Mufson

BELJING - Prime Minister Li Peng said Sunday that China opposed economic sanctions to compel North Korea to accept full international inspections of its

The Chinese position could set up a conflict in the UN Security Council should the Clinton administration decide to seek UN sanctions in an effort to force the inspections on North Korea, which officials at the United Nations and in Washington fear may be seeking to devel-

Both China and the United States are permanent members of the Security Council with veto power over council resolu-

Mr. Li spelled out the Chinese position in talks with the UN secretary-general. Butros Butros Ghali, who arrived in Beijing on Sunday from North Korea.

For several months, North Korea has refused to permit inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency at two sites the United States suspects are being used to process nuclear materials. A diplomat in Beijing close to both

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# **Swiss Case Tests Clinton Policy** On Plutonium

By Thomas W. Lippman Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — The first test of the

Clinton administration's new policy on nuclear proliferation and the use of plutonium has come from an unlikely country: Switzerland. The Swiss are seeking U.S. government permission to ship used commercial nuclear fuel to a new plant in Britain, where the fuel's plutonium content would be extracted and returned to Switzerland for commercial use.

Switzerland needs U.S. permission because the fuel originated in the United States, which as a condition of providing it retained the right to approve subsequent uses.

President Bill Clinton has expressed strong opposition to the spread of plutonium - the main ingredient of nuclear warheads -into the world's civilian economy, but he has also declined to interfere with such traffic between friendly nations. In the Swiss case, several House Democrats

have called on Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary to block the shipment and have also appealed to the federal Arms Control and Disarmament Agency to issue a public assessment of the nuclear proliferation threat the transac-

Mrs. O'Leary said last week that she would decide the issue after Christmas vacation. She said her telephone "has been ringing off the hook" with calls from opponents of the Swiss

Plutonium, a byproduct of the irradiation of uranium reactor fuel, is extracted from used fuel by a chemical process. Once separated, it is a volatile, highly toxic material. As little as 15 pounds can make a crude nuclear bomb, according to weapons scientists.

With the world facing a glut of plutonium from dismantled nuclear warheads, Mr. Clinton has called for an international ban on the production of new plutonium for military uses.

But to avoid offending France, Britain, Japan and Russia, which are committed to the production of plutonium as as a commercial energy source, he has declined to seek a similar ban on reprocessing of commercial fuel. President George Bush followed a similar course last year, declining to block a shipment of plutonium from France to Japan.

Nonproliferation watchdogs and government weapons scientists, however, argue that there is no effective distinction between mili-

Cleanups were under way in the Netherlands and Belgium, too, after torrential rains caused the worst flooding in decades. Page 2

# American Indians Finding Good Fortune in Casinos

By Francis X. Clines

New York Times Service
MILWAUKEE — The con artist was
tracked by the Indians across a half-dozen reservations, their ceiling television cameras zooming in on her hands as she played at blackjack tables and coolly cheated tribal casinos out of \$3,000 a sitting.

"In the old days, the tribes never got to-gether on anything this way," said Roger Miller, a Mohican who is security director for the Potawatomi tribe's bingo and casmo hall here and the founder of Wisconsin's new Indian Gaming Intelligence Association, which covers 11 tribes and 17 casinos.

"It was divide and conquer," he said. "But with gaming, we're experiencing the same growing pains and lack of expertise, and so we help each other out now. These are, indeed, new days of casino for-

time for Indians, and the television tapes

finally exposed the blackjack player's

It was a closed-TV system spying from her purse through a tiny, unobtrusive lens. It was tied into a van parked out in the casino lot in which her conspirators counted the cards being dealt face up and instantly radioed back discreet betting instructions. The con artist was arrested, and a security bulletin

was dispatched to all the tribes. "It sounds crazy to go to all that trouble, but there's an awful lot of money out here now," Mr. Miller said, summarizing the attraction and risk in the booming new world of

As Donald Trump and other envious competitors predict the tribes will run afoul of corruption because of their inexperience, the leadership of Indian gaming is taking a variety of steps to defend their economic wind-

With 170 casinos opening in the last five years, by a federal count, and many more being planned, tribes are building safeguards against both corrupt management and the ever-more ingenious assaults of the same predators who work the tables and slot machines at Las Vegas and Atlantic City, New

A range of wariness can be found in the casinos, from the latest electronic sophistication to the sort of fledgling naiveté in man-agement that marks any business rush.

less than two years, is the reigning inspiration

shantucket Pequot chief regarded now as a casino genius, took care to hire as his chief executive and integrity expert G. Michael Brown, the former director of New Jersey's Division of Gaming Enforcement.

Mr. Brown, a former prosecutor who built a reputation in forcing Atlantic City casinos to cut their underworld ties, has eased back from the absolute sovereignty so dear to other tribes and instead invited full on-site cooperation with state and federal law-enforcement experts in gambline.

In setting an example for other tribes, Foxwoods, like most big casinos, does not hesitate to arrest a gambler or employee openly, on the casino floor, once documented evidence is in hand. The showy arrest is valued as a reassurance to the public and a

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#### Indian casino gambling that is prompting a parallel revolution in tribal cooperation and But the huge success of Indian casinos like Foxwoods in Ledyard, Connecticut, a veritable revenue machine that has become the most lucrative gambling hall in the nation in

There, Richard (Skip) Hayward, the Ma-

SINGAPORE - Music is a link to Sim Wong Hoo's past, and it tells much about his present and

The 10th of 12 children growing up in a poor family in Singapore, he longed to learn to play the piano. But his mother, who was widowed when Wong Hoo was 13, could not afford such a luxury. So he had to settle for a harmonica.

"As a result," he says, "I understand music for the masses, and that's 99 percent of the market."

An electronic designer and entrepreneur, Mr. Sim has been largely responsible for adding mu-

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sic to computers and creating a mass market for the product. Creative Technology Ltd., the Singapore-based multinational that he heads as chairman and chief executive officer, has cap-tured more than 55 percent of the global market with its Sound Blaster family of products, which bring stereo-quality sound, including music, to personal computers. Sound Blaster kits have been a mega-hit with players of computer games.

"Computers should not be doing just the boring numbercrunching and word processing." Mr. Sim feels. "I want to make them more human.

Alone and in collaboration with such leading computer company as International Business Machines Corp. and Digital Equipment Corp. of the United States and Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. of Japan, Creative Technology is working to incorporate sound, video, graphics, text, animation and enormous encyclopedic memory capacity into one convenient, low-cost computer

Mr. Sim said that multimedia

Flora Swire was one of the 270 people killed in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie,

Scotland, five years ago this month. Since her

death, her father, Jim Swire, a British physician,

has dedicated much time, as spokesman for the

families of the British victims, to discovering who

was responsible. He discussed the subject with

Barry James of the International Herald Tribune.

Q. You point the finger of blame at Syria. Where do the two Libyans accused of planting the bomb fit in?

A. I'm not saying I don't think the Libyans are guilty. They need to be brought to trial, but it is also

evident that they would only be small minnows in a

want to know who originated the plot, who paid for it

Q. Are you happy with the way that United Nations

A. No, I am not. The UN says the sanctions shall

apply unless and until the two accused are brought to

trial in Britain or America. But can you imagine that if

two Americans were accused of destroying an airliner over Libya the U.S. administration would agree to

sanctions to force the Libvans to hand over the two

men are being carried out?

extradite them to Libva for trial?

very big pond. I and the relatives I associate with.

computing had the potential to revolutionize not only entertainment but also the way people learn and conduct business.

For example, Creative Technology already markets video addons for PCs that enable them to display live video or television broadcasts on part of the screen while performing other tasks.

The company and one of its branches in California are developing a relatively low-cost videophone system that will allow people to use their computers to simultaneously exchange data. watch and talk to each other over regular telephone lines.

"We are betting very hard on the future of collaborative, longdistance computing," Mr. Sim said, because it will save business people large amounts of time,

Multimedia technology also will bring major benefits to education. By adding another dimension to the numeric and verbal power of computers, he continued, "We will have a totally new way of learning that is very engag-ing and much more absorbing than just reading from a book." Education, like music, is one of Mr. Sim's passions. He is an unconventional product of his country's education system: Unlike most successful and prominent Singaporeans, he is not a university graduate. He has a diploma in electrical and electronics engineering from Singapore's Ngee Ann Polytechnic.

The education system in Singaore, in the words of Ho Kwon Ping, president of the Wah-Chang group of regional companies, "rewards technical competence over

creative, independent thinking." Singaporean children are so scared of failing or performing poorly in school, Mr. Ho says, that they have become masters of that peculiarly Singapore trait of taking little risk and playing safe" to pass exams and then, in working life, meet "whatever they think are people's expectations of



Sim Wong Hoo: Not just the boring old number-crunching.

**Q&A:** Exploring an Iran-Syria Connection to Lockerbie Blast

Mr. Sim's recommendation: Give people more freedom of thought, provoke them, make them think more, from primary school to secondary, tertiary, all the way, and outside."

His company's products could have a role in this, and some are already in Singapore schools.

Discussing this, he says: "We will be able to get the best teachers in the world to contribute their best ideas, then replicate them by the millions on compact computer disks that can be sold for as little

The Montreal convention of 1971 — which was signed by America, Britain and Libya - says this about a nation on whose territory are found people

accused of aviation terrorism; that state shall either

put them on trial under its own jurisdiction, or hand

them over to the nation complaining that a terrorist

act has occurred against its assets. Translating this to

the Lockerbie situation, it means that [Colonel Moam-

mar] Gadhafi can either put them of trial in Libya or

hand them over, neither of which he has chosen to do.

But he would be within his rights under that convention to put them on trial in Libya.

Q. You have met the man. Why do you think he's

A. I think his position at home is too weak to give in

Q. But would anyone take a Libyan trial seriously?

A. Hardly, unless it was a trial to which internation-

al jurists were invited and the arrangements were such

A. In 1988, the International Air Transport Associa-

tion suggested that an international court be set up to

try terrorists, and that it should have an international

that the international community believed in its fair-

to Western demands to hand them over. He would

opear if he tried.

O. What is that?

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ness. But there is another option.

By using multimedia technol-gy, Mr. Sim explained, students ogy, Mr. Sim expusion, will be able to navigate through lessons, stop and ask questions, interact as a group and learn at different paces.

"Or just imagine," he contin-ued, "that you could actually conduct your computer so that it played a piece of music, softer, louder, faster, slower. Now wouldn't that be nice?"

Music has been an important ingredient in the appeal of his company's products to computer users who want to listen to stereo

Libyans brought to trial.

Q. Why do you say that?

"Everybody loves music." Mr. Sim said. "It has no cultural barri-

Singaporean engineers at Creative Technology, he designed and built a computer in six months that had a range of multimedia features and a Chinese-language, as well as English-language, operating and

talking system. "It was the most versatile PC in the world at the time," he said. But it was a commercial flop. It was too far ahead of its time. However, I knew that our technology had reached world standard."

Instead of giving up, he sought markets for individuals bits of the technology that had been assembled for the computer. The audio technology was an

instant hit. "We found we could make the

same profit margin for a sound board as we could for one of our PCs," Mr. Sim said. His skill in developing and sell-

ing computer sound technology was a "stroke of pure genius," said Seamus Phan, marketing manager for ACS Computer Ptc., a Singapore competitor. "The guys at Creative did a wonderful job of creating a market where none existed before."

In August 1992, to raise its profile in its main market, the United States, and \$60 million for expansion. Creative was listed on the Nasdaq over-the-counter ex-change alongside such computer heavyweights as Microsoft, Lotus and Apple. Its offer of 5 million shares at \$12 each was heavily oversubscribed.

Today, Creative Technology stock trades at about \$27, which values the company at \$1.3 bil-lion. Mr. Sim founded it in 1981 with start-up capital of about S6.330

Since he holds 29.4 percent of the firm's equity, his fortune, on paper at least, is \$336 million. But Mr. Sim, a 38-year-old bachelor, shows little of the inter-

detention facility attached to it. Since the indictments International Air Transport Association in Montreal were issued against the two Libyans, the UN Security concluded that Iran would arrange for a revenge Council has created an international court to try war attack on an American airliner, the final trigger being

criminals from Bosnia. So I wrote to Douglas Hurd, the international failure to chastise the United States

A. Because if they were found guilty, we would upset the efforts to make peace in the Middle East?"
immediately clamor for those behind them to be My answer to that is that a peace founded on a fallacy

peace process?

sound as they play games or work at the keyboard. est that many other Singaporeans disolay in the material goods and display in the material goods and status that money can buy.

Until early this year, he lived with his elderly mother and a brother in public housing. Now he has his own apartment, which harbors his collection of 15 harmonicas, 10 electronic organs and 4 pianos. Not long ago, he ca-changed his battered Japanese car for a luxury model.

Work occupies most of Mr. Sim's waking hours, usually start-ing early in the morning and ending late at night. He divides his e mainly between Singapore and the United States, the two places where most of Creative Technology's 1,400 staff work.

He used to be an avid mountaineer, but these days he seldom has time even to play the harmoni-ca. "What is relaxing?" he asks. "I sleep and, if I can, I have a brisk walk for 30 minutes once a week."

While Mr. Sim is the visionary leader of Creative Technology, he relies heavily on two Singaporean co-founders, who are also close friends, in managing a company that is noted for its manufacturing efficiency and distribution skills as well as for innovation. Between them, they control just over 65 percent of the firm's stock.

More than 3 million units of Sound Blaster computer add-ons have been sold, mainly in the United States. Output is running at about 300,000 a month.

Earlier this year, Mr. Sim was named Singapore's 1992 Business-man of the Year. Presenting the award, Lee Knan Yew, Singa-pore's senior minister, said that if Singapore was to continue to prosper it must build an external economy by investing abroad, something best done by private

"Somehow we must establish a better entrepreneurial culture so that in time we will throw up enough entrepreneurs to ioin the present few we have who can take agapore Inc. abroad," Mr. Lee said. Mr. Sim is clearly among the

A Yes. Some people have said to me, "Don't you think you ought to pipe down, because you might upset the efforts to make peace in the Middle East?"

4 Police Officers Are Killed in Egypt

CAIRO (NYT) - Gunneri shot and killed four policemen on Sunday in southern Egypt, a region of the country that has become virtually a battleground between Muslim fundamentalists and Egyptian security

It was one of highest daily toils recorded in the region, after a clash on Dec. 19 in which nine police officials and four Muslim militants were killed in one battle. In the last 21 months, 230 people have been killed,

mostly in southern Egypt.

The killings on Sunday took place after security forces rounded up scores of militants after the Dec. 19 attack, including 25 students at Assist University who were said to have participated in acts of violence against the police and citizens menaced for cooperating with the authori-

## Charity Offices Attacked in Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somelia (AP) - A Muslim group's threat to shoot anyone trying to spread Christianity was followed by grenade attacks at the offices of Western charities during the Christmas holiday weekend, a United Nations official said Sunday.

Two Somali guards were wounded when attackets threw grenades into Catholic Relief Services buildings in the southern city of Baidos on Christmas Eve. UN officials said they did not know how serious the

Nobody was wounded in a similar Christmas Eve incident at the Baidoz offices of the Irish aid organization Goal Ireland. "The indications are that it may have been a protest of the Christian celebrations at Christmas," said Major Tim McDavitt, a UN military spokesman.

#### Early Vote Seen as Unlikely in Japan

TOKYO (Reuters) — Japan's coalition government will try to avoid calling early elections despite legislative stalemates over crucial policies and legislation, Deputy Prime Minister Tsutonau Hata said Sunday. But Mr. Hata, who is also foreign minister, said the government had not completely ruled out early elections. "With the economy in a difficult fix, we want to avoid elections at all costs," Mr. Hata, a powerful coalition figure, said in a broadcast debate. "We don't completely rule

out dissolving parliament, but at this point we want to avoid such Talk of early elections is rife as Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa and his fractious coalition appear mable to agree on tax reform and other measures to stimulate spending and improve the economy. Compounding problems is lack of progress in Mr. Hosokawa's efforts to push through political reform legislation, which includes overhanding the electoral system and anti-corruption laws.

#### A New Truce Is Called in Afghanistan

KABUL (AP) - After nearly two months of ferocious fighting, rival Afghan factions agreed Sunday to a cease-fire, although few people expected it to last.

A spokesman for Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmalyar said the cease fire agreement had been reached at a cabinet meeting Studiey. Even as the truce was announced, rockets rained down on the capital for the second day in a row, killing at least two people and wounding several others. Three other cease-fire agreements have been broken in the last two

Fighting between forces of Mr. Hekmatyar and those loyal to President Burhamaddin Rabbani has been centered in Tagab, 50 kilometers (37 miles) north of Kabul on a critical supply route to the capital, and in Sarobi, 50 kilometers to the east, the sate of a hydroelectric dam. Mr. Hekmatyar's spokesman said the two factions had agreed to let the Interior Ministry disarm their forces, handle security in the capital and protect the dam.

#### Marlene Dietrich's Grave Desecrated

BERLIN (AFP) - Vandals descrated the grave of Marlene Dietrich here Sunday on the eve of the 92d anniversary of the late actress's birth, the police said. Miss Dietrica, who died on May 6, 1992 in Paris, was Q. Why do you think that Western governments are trying to protect Syria? Because of the Middle East buried in Berlin according to her wishes. Some Germans had opposed the move, having never forgiven her for leaving Germany during the Nazi era.

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### Q. You saw Mr. Gadhafi two years ago. Do you French Close Coastline to Walkers

BORDEAUX (Reuters) - Anthorities banned strollers from more than 500 kilometers of French Atlantic coastline from southern Britts to the Spanish coast on Sunday after explosive detonators were found south of Bordeaux.

south of Bordeaux.

The detonators, designed to blast rocks on construction projects, can be leahal if handled. No one has been hint so far. The ban is against walking along the water's edge. Strollers are allowed onto beaches but are

advised to be cautious.

Thousands of detonators began washing up on the coasts of Brittany a week ago, apparently part of a cargo of 34,000 detonators spilled by a

Cypriot vessel in September.

Police visibility has been increased on the New York City region's three commuter railroads to ease the minds of travelers in the wake of the fatal shooting Dec. 7 of six people on a Long Island commuter train. The Long Island Rail Road and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad have put more officers on the trains. And New Jersey Transit has ordered officers to be stationed on platforms when trains arrive.

A strike by railroad workers in Serbia seeking compensation for hyperinflation halted local and international train service throughout the republic on Sunday, a railroad official in Belgrade said.

About 570 people have been hospitalized with legatiffs over the past two weeks in the Slovak city of Kosice after eating contaminated meat, the Czech news agency CTK reported Sunday.

(AFP)

#### This Week's Holidays On Tuesday, Foreign Minister

Banking and government offices will be closed or services curtailed in the following countries and their dependencies this week because of national and religious holidays:

MONDAY: Australia, Barbados, Belginm, Belize, Botswanz, Britain, Canada, Cyprus, Gibraltzt, Guyanz, Hong Kong, Itan, Ireland; Kenya, Lesotho, Loxem-bourg, Macao, Malawi, New Zealand, Sienra Leone, Vatican City. TUESDAY: Australia, Bermuda, Britain, Canada, Gibraltar, Ireland, New

WEDNESDAY: Ireland, Nepal. THURSDAY: Omen, Philippines.

FRIDAY: Argentina, Bangladesh, Bimtan, Brazil, Brunei, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ghana, Guatemais, Kriwani, Licohtenstein, Mexico, Pakistan, Pero, Philip-pines, Qatar, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Thailand, Vatican City. SATURDAY: All countries except: Afghanistan, Rhutan, Bur

Sources: J.P. Morgan, Reuters.

# Tehran Radio broadcast a vitriolic warning that the indiscriminate violence is the death of innocent peo-

#### maintain in Tripoli in his wrecked house. He kept his to carry out the bombing? A. I believe so. After the shooting down of an Iranian airliner by the U.S. cruiser Vincennes in 1988. are still there with a motto in Arabic, "The result of skies would rain blood. I know that experts at the ple."

the British foreign secretary, asking why a similar for the shooting down. facility can't be set up for the trial of terrorists. I

again. I don't think either of those alternatives is have any lasting impressions? palatable to the West because it's my belief based on a A. You will remember that he lost his adopted that this act was planned by the Syrian-based terrorist. We were thus able to discuss at the human level the group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Pales- consequences of the indiscriminate use of violence. He ine General Command.

Q. Do you think it is true that Iran paid the Syrians in daughter in the rather macabre museum they tine-General Command.

identified and prosecuted. If they were found innocent

we would ask for the criminal investigation to start

haven't had an answer to that letter, so I can only

assume that the West does not in fact want the two

The incident has also deeply embarrassed the government of President Hosni Mubarak because seving indignation among Egyptians eral diplomats say that members of Egypt's intelligence service may

have collaborated with Libyan services and smoothed the way for the

abduction. The Egyptian authori-

ties deny this. Land traffic between Egypt and Libya has been very heavy, opposi-tion figures note, since the United Nations banned all flights to and from Libya more than a year ago.

The air embargo was imposed to put pressure on Libya to turn over two suspects in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Locker-

Some Libyan dissidents are guessing that Mr. Kikhia was taken from Cairo to Alexandria in a convoy of Libyan cars with diplomatic

license plates and on to Libya.
The Egyptian authorities initial-The Egyptian authorities initial-y reacted tepidly to Mr. Kikhia's that is hadly needed.

delicate balance Egypt strikes in relations with its wayward neigh-

A million Egyptians work in Lib-

ing indignation among Egyptians who frown on Libya's policies and

leadership have led the government

to shift its tone and open a major

Amr Moussa described Mr. Kikhia

as a "decent man" and deliberately

used the word "abduction" in com-

journalists, adding that "Egypt will

take a position" on who was re-

in some ways, Mr. Mubarak's

options seem limited because of the

"If proven, the abduction of Kikhia in Egypt is an illegitimate and unacceptable matter," he told

menting on his case.

# Europe Cleans Up After Heavy Floods

soaked homes at Christmas began cleaning up Sunday after the worst flooding in northwestern Europe in decades.

parts of Germany and Belgium. At least seven people were killed in the

region as a result of the weather at the end of last week. Then, freezing conditions on Saturday night and Sunday morning made roads treacherous. Dutch and Belgian policemen reported 42 accidents overnight, including one near the southern Netherlands city of Breda in which three people died after their car hit a tree.

No official damage estimates were available, but a Dutch Internal Affairs Ministry spokesman said that damage in the Nether-

Water levels in the southeastern Dutch region of Limburg were falling slowly, and northward along the lissel River in the northeast was under control, emergency workers

In Germany, people were able to start cleaning up as flooding from the Rhine retreated rapidly and streets in the old part of the southwestern city of Cologne, hip-deep in water just days ago, became passable.

The Rhine reached its highest level this

century in Arnhem early Sunday, exceeding by 12 centimeters (4.6 inches) a record set in 1926, authorities in Gelderland, in the eastern Netherlands said.

In Cologne, streets were choked with mid. The Rhine, which hit a record 10.63 meters (34.7 feet) in the city on Christmas night, returned to 9.48 meters on Sunday and was falling at a rate of three centimeters an hour, the local flood-crisis center said.

Authorities have also begun cleaning up at Kobleuz, where the Moselle River meets the Rhine, although some parts of the town were

still under water. Dutch authorities said that the Rhine and its tributaries had stopped rising by midday

been necessary since Saturday afternoon in the Rhine Basin. About 13,000 people had to 40 leave their homes in the past week.

Belgian officials and water levels were dropping throughout the country, but they warned that at least a week without more rain

or snow would be needed before water levels could return to normal French authorities closed a section of expressway beside the Scine in central Paris

after a slow but steady rise in the river, and inhabitants in the northeastern French town of Soissons were told to boil tap water before drinking it.

Trains between Paris and Brussels were, running an hour and a half late because of diversions resulting from flooding on the In the Ardennes, in castern France, 32

roads were impassable because of flooding. In northern Spain, three people were killed near Gviedo when their house collapsed during heavy rains in one of several incidents Sunday as storms whipped across the region-

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# No Sign of Libyan Dissident Missing Since Dec. 10, Was He Spirited Back to Tripoli?

By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service
CAIRO — Just before leaving

Paris for Cairo this month, Mansour Kikhia told his wife that he was worried about a recent vow by the Libyan leader, Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, to settle scores with Libyan opposition members "He is usually very fatalistic,

meeting with people and going to places without taking particular precautions," said Bahaa Omary, the wife of Mr. Kikhia, 63, a former Libyan foreign minister. "But this time he really hesitat-

ed," she said. "When he got to Cairo he was calling me three or four times a day just to say helio or tell me of things he was bringing Ms. Omary was speaking by tele-

phone on the night of Dec. 11, when she alerted friends around the world that her husband had disappeared from his hotel in Mr. Kikhia was last spotted the previous evening walking out of the Safir Hotel, she said. Some opposi-

tion figures said he was headed to a meeting with an unidentified ac-

quaintance who had called him that day. On his bed and around the hotel room were items of clothing, insulin and syringes for injections, something that Mr. Kikhia, a diabetic, would never have intention-

ally left benind. Two days later, his wife received a hurried call from a pay phone in which a relative of her husband in Tripoli told her that Mr. Kikhia was indeed in Libya - something she says she had already suspected

No other trace of Mr. Kikhia has been reported. But his disappearance has focused renewed attention on violence and human rights violations by the government of Colo-nel Gadhafi and damaged his country's relations with neighboring

Egypt.
Many prominent Egyptians, including senior government offi-cials, say they believe that Mr. Kikhia was abducted in Cairo by Libyan intelligence agents.

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches AMSTERDAM — Thousands of Dutch, German and Belgian citizens who fled water-

Rivers swollen by torrential rain were reported retreating in the heaviest hit areas of the southeastern Netherlands and low-lying

lands could exceed 100 million guilders (\$55

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-THOMAS W. LIPPMAN

North Koreans to open all seven of

its officially disclosed nuclear sites

to international monitors. But they

caution that important details need

to be worked out, and there is no

agreement on whether inspectors

can visit two waste dumps to see

how much plutonium the North

American officials said that if

President Clinton accepted the in-

telligence report as true, the diplo-

macy aimed at trading broader dip-

lomatic and economic ties for

nuclear concessions would be con-

"Ultimately, the president will

have to make a decision on the

basis of the evidence," said a senior

administration official. The study's

findings raise problems for South Korea, which has been urging a

siderably complicated.

Koreans might have produced.

# other reasons.

each year without public money. But the issue has symbolic importance both to supporters of abortion rights and opponents because of the contentious question of whether abortions will be covered when Congress begins to overhaul the health care system next year. President Bill Clinton sent a detailed health care plan to Congress this fall that would blur the distinction between the abortion options of the middle class and the

Advocates of abortion rights maintain that the directive merely follows through on a recent change in the law, which relaxed the ban on federal financing of abortions to allow the government to pay for abortions in the case of rape and incest. But abortion foes argue that the directive indicates the administration's intention to carry out its leanings in favor of abortion rights.

The Associated Press WASHINGTON - A major water-main break spewed millions of gallons of water onto icy streets

The broken four-foot (1.2-meter) main sent a geyser of water gushing

This was a major break, affecting about one-third of the city," a spokeswoman for the public works department said. The White House, which has its own water

# Of Missile Strike On U.S. Is Slight

**CIA Says Threat** 

WASHINGTON — The Central Intelligence Agency has concluded that Iran, Iraq, Libya, and North Korea have the "political support or motivation" to develop longrange missiles that could strike the United States and that all but Libya have the "technical capability" to do so within 15 years.

But there is no evidence that any of them is actually working on such a project, the agency found, adding that it was unlikely that any of them would do so, for economic or

Rather than develop their own intercontinental ballistic missiles to challenge the United States with nuclear or chemical warheads, they may try to "purchase everything from complete missile systems to essential technologies from countries with existing ICBMs." according to the CIA. The agency's analysis was pre-

pared at the request of Representa-tive Ronald V. Dellums, Democrat of California, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. Mr. Dellums's office released a declassified summary last week.

The report can be both alarming or reassuring for U.S. residents. While it takes seriously the possibility that hostile or revenge-minded nations could develop or acquire the ability to strike at the United

opment is unlikely.
U.S. military doctrine takes a similar view. In January, in his last report to Congress, former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said that 'after the turn of the century, some countries hostile to this nation could acquire ballistic missiles that could threaten the United States."

"Over the next 10 years," he added, "we are likely to see several Third World nations establish the infrastructure and develop the technical knowledge required to undertake ICBM and space launch vehicle development."

But Pentagon planners assume that a more immediate and serious threat lies in the rapid proliferation of shorter-range missiles, which do not threaten the continental United States but could be used against U.S. or allied troops deployed in conflicts elsewhere. This fear was substantiated by Iraq's Scud missile attacks on Saudi Arabia and Israel during the Gulf War.

According to the CIA report, only China, Russia and some other former Soviet republics "currently have the capability to strike the continental United States with land-based ballistic missiles. "Analysis of all available infor-

mation shows a low probability that any other country will acquire this capability during the next 15 years," it said.

# KOREA: CLA Sees Bomb Evidence

Continued from Page 1

that were consistent with experiments with conventional munitions needed to detonate a nuclear

Still, American intelligence does not have a specific satellite picture. electronic intercept or agent's report that confirms deployment of a

The judgment that North Korea probably has a nuclear bomb is supported by almost every intelligence agency, including the CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency and also the Energy Department. Only the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research disputes the conclusion, arguing that the data are not persuasive.

Several officials said the disagreement over North Korea's nuclear abilities turned not only on an analysis of its scientific prowess but also on a fundamental dispute over its intentions. CIA analysts despots who have turned to nuclear over the debate. Some State Deweapons to insure their hold on partment and Pentagon officials power. State Department analysts assert that there are splits within North Korea's ruling elite and that the moderates should be encour-

The new intelligence assessment has important implications for efforts by the administration to persuade North Korea to open its nuclear sites to international inspectors and abandon its nuclear Analysts in the department, for ex-

program.

Those negotiations have recently showed signs of progress. Administration officials have said, for example, that there has that the giant building at Yongbeen progress in persuading the byon was a textile factory.

negotiated solution. "Having one or two bombs would create a very serious issue for us," said a senior South Korean diplomat in Seoul. Previous intelligence failures by parties are casting a si

say they believe intelligence analysts have put forward "worst case" conclusions so they cannot be accused of failing, as they did in the case of Iraq, to sound sufficient warning about a nuclear program.

On the other hand, intelligence experts assert that the State Department has consistently underestimated North Korea's abilities. ample, for years disputed the notion that North Korea had a reprocessing plant for plutonium, accepting North Korea's assertion

#### CHINA: Korea Sanctions Opposed

North Korea and China said China did not believe North Korea has the capability of building nuclear weapons. North Korea has assured China on numerous occasions that it does not possess nuclear weapons, the diplomat said.

At the same time, he added, China and Russia, both longtime allies

It was followed by two films that

starred Alec Guinness, "The Man in the White Suit" (1951) and "The

of North Korea, are deeply con-cerned about the destabilizing effect a nuclear North Korea would have on the region. Mr. Li on Sunday called for re-

solving the dispute by negotiation.
"China favors a proper settlement of the issue through dialogues and consultations, instead of imposing pressure and sanctions," Mr. Li told Mr. Butros Ghali, according to Xinhua.

Mr. Li called for a nonnuclear

Korean peninsula. "We hold that denuclearization

of the peninsula will be realized at an early date," he said, "for this will be not only conducive to peace and stability in the peninsula, but also in line with the common interesis" of North and South Korea.

South Korea, Japan and the West have repeatedly asked China to use its influence to persuade North Korea to accept the inspections. China came to North Korea's aid in 1950 in its war with U.S.-led UN forces and still has a mutual defense pact with North Korea.

Despite its longtime links with North Korea, it is not clear how much clout China has with North Korea, diplomats in Beijing say. For one thing, China has scaled back its aid to North Korea and is more interested now in wooing South Korea to attract investment in cities and ports.

#### In Appalachian South, Poverty Is a Durable Opponent By Guy Gugliotta victims are almost all white: "It's economy, not race," Mr. Bordelon said. "This is why Appalachian people are perceived as violent, backward, ignorant, lazy, shiftless and unorganized," said

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MATTER SECTION

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Washington Post Service HAZARD, Kentneky — The last time the United States fought a war on pover-ty here, poverty won. Nearly 30 years have passed since the April day in 1964 when President Lyndon B. Johnson stood on the steps of a courthouse 60 miles north of here and promised to attack poverty "in all its forms" and "drive

Now another president has picked up the lance. With equal lanfare, President Bill Clipton has piedged to "end welfare as we know it," reform the health care system and "make work pay."

But while the urban slum may be poverty's symbol today, the Appalachia that caught Mr. Johnson's eye remains a fitting laboratory. The symptoms of hardship in America — ignorance, unemploy-ment, sickness, isolation, crime and drugs are still as visible in the hardwood-university of Kentucky's Center for Rucloaked hollows of East Kentucky as they ral Health. "But the real problem is pov-

By Lawrence K. Altman

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The smallpox

virus, one of the biggest killers in

history, has won a temporary stay

from its planned execution this week because some scientists have

begun to argue that the virus could

yield useful medical knowledge

Health officials in the United

about smallpox and perhaps other

States and Russia, who hold the last known stocks of the smallpox

virus, had planned to destroy them

in a simultaneous execution by

Russia agreeing, the recommenda-

tion for destruction was announced

by the World Health Organization

three years ago. But both countries have now decided to delay destruc-

tion beyond the agreed deadline

while some last-minute doubts

about the wisdom of such a final

A fire tore through the home of the Nobel prize-winning anthor Toni Morrison in Rockland Com-

ty, New York, injuring two fire-men, a fire official said. The author,

62, was not home at the time, but a

son who was in the sprawling old home beside the Hudson River

• Nearly half of Americans believe animals are a lot like humans when

it comes to emotions and reasoning

ability, according to a Los Angelo

Times poll. Also, half of the 1,612 respondents said they objected to

the wearing of fur, while slightly

more, 54 percent, said they op-posed hunting for sport. While 47

percent in the nationwide poll

agreed that animals "are just like

humans in all important ways," 51 percent disagreed and 2 percent

• A New York City fire figurer was awarded \$1 million by a State Supreme Court jury over burns he

suffered in 1985 because the city

fire department had, refused to

equip bim with fire-resistant over-

snicides. In interviews with The

New York Times and the Detroit

News, he also repeated his promise

to refrain from assisting any more suicides until courts decide whether

Michigan's law against the practice

Dr. Jack Kevorkian vowed to jount a campaign across Michigan for a state constitutional amendment overtexpands.

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had no opinion.

tried to fight the flames. He es-

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**Away From** 

With both the United States and

A Stay of Execution

For Smallpox Virus

Kentucky is a place where jobs have dried up and blown away. If Mr. Clinton wants to change the patterns of poverty in America — rural or urban — he will have to reverse a downward spiral that

began decades ago. Hard times in the country run counter to Appalachia's image as a land of folklore and handicrafts, Daniel Boone and dulcimers. In 1964 the folk singer Jean Ritchie, from a huge family in Viper, just south of Hazard, was Appalachian Ken-tucky's favorite daughter. Later came Loretta Lynn, from Butcher's Hollow, then Crystal Gayle, of Paintsville, and today the Judds, Naomi and Wynonna, mother

and daughter, from Ashland But the reality is different: "What we have here is extensive grain alcohol abuse, family violence, homicide, acci-dents, substance abuse and depression," are in the asphalt wastes of East Hariem.
And just as in the cities, Appalachian treat that."

And just as in the cities, Appalachian treat that."

The disease caused by the small-

pox virus was declared eradicated

health's greatest triumph because smallpox is the only disease that

Stocks of the virus have been

kept frozen in liquid nitrogen in

two closely guarded laboratories in Atlanta and Moscow for research

purposes where laboratory scien-

tists have been amassing knowledge about the virus's basic struc-

ture in anticipation of its

The virus, known as variola, is

expected to be destroyed by heat-

ing the remaining stocks to very

The main focus of the research

has been to create a genetic map of

the variola, which belongs to the

If the stocks of the virus are

destroyed, health officials say it

would be the first time any species

had been deliberately wiped out.

But with the deadline approach-

ing, "there's no movement toward

doing it the end of this year," Dr. Walter R. Dowdle, acting director of the Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention, the federal agency

that holds the American stocks of

smallpox virus in Atlanta, said in

A meeting is being planned at World Health Organization head-

quariers in Geneva next month so that virologists and other experts

can review the progress made in

genetically mapping the virus and

should be done, Dr. Dowdie said.

destroy the virus to reduce the se-

curity costs associated with pre-

serving it and to avoid the threat

that the stocks could accidentally

escape from a laboratory, be seized

by terrorists or sold by financially

troubled researchers or political

But the execution has been post-

One is a last-minute debate

among scientists over the wisdom

of destroying a virus of which sci-

They do not know why the vario-

entists have little understanding.

la virus infected humans and was

so deadly, killing up to 40 percent of the people it infected. Smallpox

begins like the flu with nonspecific

symptoms but then goes on to cause a rash, usually first over the

face and then on the body and

Opponents of the virus's destruc-

tion argue that further research

poned for several reasons.

Health officials had planned to

an interview.

high temperatures in autoclaves -

airtight steam chambers.

family of pox viruses.

has been wiped out.

destruction.

in 1980. It was arguably public

The Rural Health Center outside Haz-ard sits in the middle of a 23-county area of southeastern Kentucky where poverty rates run 32 percent and up. Owsley County, about 20 miles west of here, has a 51 percent poverty rate - as bad as

anywhere in the country. This is the heart of Appalachia. Among the 23 counties, median house-hold incomes range from \$8,595 to \$16,202 per year. Nationally, the median is \$30,056. In Perry County, where Hazard is the largest town, unemployment is 15.2 percent, half the adults dropped out of high school and 17 percent of all hous-ing units have no phone.

Such numbers are comparable to those from any economically depressed inner-city neighborhood, "a similarity that has occurred to me many times," said Marcus Bordelon, director of the Credit Union and Loan Fund, a grass-roots develop-ment group based in Berea, Kennucky. But at least one thing is different, he added. In the cities, minorities suffer dis-

proportionately, but in Appalachia the

I used to work at Sav-a-Lot bagging groceries," said Scott Crawford, 22, who spends evenings smoking cigarettes in front of the Hazard public housing pro-ject where he lives. But that was two.

thousand around here." Today in Perry County, people talk about possible investments in timber, textiles or tourism, but most new jobs in Appalachia will be minimum wage, many are likely to be part time, and a great

nies' tax breaks expire. There are two solutions to this problem. The first is called "Greyhound therapy," getting on the bus and heading to a city such as Lexington, in northern Kentucky, or Cincinnati, Akron or Dayton in

three months ago. It's hard as hell to get work around here. I'd go anywhere, but I need a couple thousand," he said, meaning dollars. "Hard as hell to get a couple

number — especially in textile mills — probably will disappear when the compa-

#### through standard tests, is double that of the rest of the country. For poor people, primary care is the hospital emergency Abortion **Foes Focus**

Ron Eller, director of the University of Kentucky's Appalachian Center. "It's the

same migrant stereotype that applies to

Southern whites, African-Americans and

wait for jobs, scrounge for spending money and collect a check for welfare.

The linkages between poverty and crime, sickness and drug abuse, are as

visible in Appalachia as in city slums. For

Perry County's poorest, there is no such

With no phone and no transportation,

there often is no way to get to a physician

until the heart attack occurs. In Appala-

chian Kentucky, the rate of cervical can-cer, easily detected and controlled

thing as preventive health care.

food stamps or disability.

The other solution is to stay home and

Chicanos.

By Karen De Witt New York Times Service

On Symbol

WASHINGTON — A decision by the Clinton administration to require states to pay for abortions for a small number of poor women is shaping up as a significant symbol, one that abortion opponents say they will use in the coming fight over the administration's health care plan.

Bruce C. Vladeck, the federal official in charge of Medicaid, the health insurance program for the poor, said last week that the administration would issue regulations requiring states to pay for abortions for low-income women made pregnant by rape or incest as well as when the life of the pregnant

woman was threatened. The number of abortions that might result from such public financing would be small, perhaps in the neighborhood of 1,000, compared with the millions performed

#### **Water Service** Restored in D.C.

and caused water pressure to drop or disappear for thousands of residents on Christmas Night, but ser-vice was restored by daybreak on Sunday morning.

12 feet high a mile (1.6 kilometers) north of the White House.

supply, was not affected.

#### not by money or a desire for celebrity, but by pentcould provide invaluable opportuup fury over years of mistreatment while serving with Mr. Clinton's personal security detail. nities to learn about the way other viruses harm humans. In addition, some experts contend that studie "You block roads for him," Mr. Patterson said. of smallpox virus might provide clues in the battles against other "You run all the personal errands, and then he forgets about you." Complaining that he even had to clean up after the Clintons' dog, Mr. Patterson scourges, including cancer.

he was governor of Arkansas.

help people buy homes, the report said. (WP) Quote/Unquote

Housing Secretary Henry G. Cisneros on the motivation behind new reports that Bill Clinton had extramarital affairs while he was governor of Arkansas: "Is it just to search and destroy, slash and burn, and follow every lead that comes along about anyone in public life?"

added: "It eats at me. It eats at me. That man is

leader of the free world, and he's a user." (NYT)

More Housing Department Fraud

mortgage-company officials, multifamily property

owners and others misused or stole more than \$200

million from the Department of Housing and Ur-

30, according to a report from the agency's inspec-

tor general.

The report said that amid the department's

staffing shortages and mismanagement, which

have resulted in previously reported huge losses in

major programs, many smaller crimes had been

committed and misapplications of funds discov-

The inspector general's office, which reports twice annually on the agency's operations, said 375 people were convicted of fraud, theft and other

crimes involving the department's mortgage insur-

ance, rental assistance, public housing and other

Government investigators recovered \$88.7 mil-

lion of the losses from a variety of programs during

the 1993 fiscal year and expect eventually to get back another \$121 million, according to the report.

The inspector general's office said it did not know the overall extent of the losses, including

Investigators focus much of their attention on

individuals and companies using fraud to get assis-

tance, most often perpetrated by "real-estate in-

vestors, speculators and brokers" in programs that

programs in the year that ended in September.

ered that add up to heavy losses.

money that cannot be recovered.

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WASHINGTON - Real-estate speculators,



# Norman Vincent Peale, Preached Positive Thinking, Dies at 95

By George Vecsey
New York Times Service The Reverend Norman Vincent Peale, 95, one of the most influential American religious figures of his time, died Friday at his estate in Pawling, New York. He had suffered a stroke earlier this mouth. Mr. Peale helped create a spiritu-al tone in the postwar United States with sermons, broadcasts, newspaper columns and 41 books, especially his best-seller, "The Power of Positive Thinking," pub-lished in 1952.

He told presidents and business executives and millions of other Norman Vincent Peale, shown people that a proper state of mind, in a 1954 photo, inspired millions with sermons and books.

country recovering from the Depression and a world war were more than ready to follow his

Mr. Peale never lacked for critics, who charged him with simplify-ing Christianity by avoiding deeper confrontations with sin and guilt. But he had millions of supporters who said he had brought them religious contentment.

He often admitted that his main target for these spiritual pep rallies was himself, that "even as recently as last night" he had found himself lacking in wisdom, courage or grace. Yet, he said, a few simple

The Clintons joining in a sing-along performance of Handel's "Messiah" in Washington.

Credibility Problem for Troopers

· LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas - For almost a

week, two Arkansas state troopers have held the attention of the White House and much of the

national press by saying they had firsthand knowl-

edge that the president was a power-happy philan-

But until lately, the troopers, Larry G. Patterson

questioning directed at President Bill Clinton's personal life. Now, under closer scrutiny, it is apparent that they have had credibility problems. By far the most serious is sworn testimony in

two lawsuits in Pulaski County Circuit Court in

Little Rock that the two friends and a third trooper

admitted collaborating last year to falsify an account of a 1990 car accident. Mr. Perry was seeking

The troopers could have faced serious punish-

ment had the facts of the accident become known.

Mr. Patterson, drunk, demolished a state police car

"In my 17 years of doing this kind of work, they

lied as bad as anyone I've ever known," said the insurance company's lawyer, Roy G. Sanders.

The two troopers admit to misstatements about

the accident, although they deny that they con-

spired to defraud the insurance company.

On Wednesday, another Arkansas trooper,
Danny Ferguson, issued a statement denying one

Mr. Clinton had personally offered Mr. Ferguson

a federal job in exchange for help in quashing the stories about Mr. Clinton's marital infidelity while

Mr. Patterson and Mr. Perry insisted Thursday

that their assault on the president was motivated

ar gravest charges against the president: that

while bar-hopping with the other two troopers.

\$100,000 in insurance payments in the two suits.

well into his 80s, he was still preaching nearly every Sunday at the Marble Collegiate Church, unclergymen to bring psychiatric practices into religion, preparing the way for thousands of professional, religious sional, religious-based counselors. His later emphasis on "positive thinking" predated the current flood of self-help movements. He was a favorite of wealthy business people; a critic of Vietnam

cess, which he demonstrated by becoming a wealthy man. Many in a country recovering from the De
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> When interviewed in 1978, he had dozens of projects and remained a zestful, healthy preacher. "Many ministers said my book was oversimplified and wasn't couched in the correct exclesiastical

language," he said in discussing "The Power of Positive Thinking" War protesters; an opponent of during the interview. That was John F. Kennedy in the 1960 pres-dential election for fear of a Vati-can influence in the White House, and a supporter of his friend and

Alexander Mackendrick, 81,

**Director of British Comedies** New York Times Service Alexander Mackendrick, 81. who directed the classic British film comedies "The Ladykillers," "Tight Little Island" and "The Man in the White Suit," died

Wednesday of pneumonia in Los After World War II, Mr. Mackendrick wrote scripts and created storyboards for Ealing Studios in England, where he soon graduated

to directing. His first effort was

Ladykillers" (1955). The latter also helped establish Peter Sellers as a comic star. The three films are widely considered to be among Ea-

A LIVELY ARRAY

OF COMICS

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ling Studios' best comedies.

After Ealing Studios was sold to the BBC in 1955, Mr. Mackendrick moved to the United States, making "Sweet Smell of Success."

exasperated boss Mr. B in the 1960s U.S. television show "Hazel," died Wednesday of cardiac

Don DeFore, 80, who played the arrest in Santa Monica. California.

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# Rethinking Russian Reform

In the aftermath of the Russian elections. it would be wrong to think that those jarring returns were the result of too much reform. It is just the opposite. The worst of the social distress has been caused by too little reform. The question for the West now is how best to encourage and help President Boris Yeltsin and the people around him to stay at the difficult

job of rebuilding the Russian economy.

Vladimir Zhirinovsky, whose rabidly nationalist party won the largest number of votes, has been touring Germany and Austria in the company of various admirers of the late Hitler. The spectacle does not mean that Russia is turning fascist, but it does indicate the need to think carefully about the present

economic strategy.

Russia has made good progress in some areas of reform - meaning progress away from the collapsed Soviet system toward a competitive market economy. Most prices were decontrolled two years ago. Privatization is coming along well, and new businesses are springing up. The most intractable issue seems to be the future of the big state enterprises, those gigantic complexes of factories, the output of which is now deeply unprofitable or, often, totally useless.

Most of them are going to have to be closed. The Russian government has resisted it. fear-ing large-scale unemployment. But the huge subsidies required to keep these dinosaurs alive are draining Russia's strength. The subsidies are responsible for the inflation that has severely depreciated the salaries of civil servants - teachers, doctors and the rest - and old-age pensions, generating huge social distress and resentment. The Russians would do much better to pay conventional unemployment compensation to laid-off workers than to continue to subsidize the enterprises employing them. That is the kind of economic surgery in which foreign advice and some foreign seed money could be very helpful.

The big democracies may have made a mistake when they put the International Monctery Fund in charge of most of the joint foreign efforts to support reform in Russia. The Russians complain that the IMF has delivered far less money than promised. The IMF responds that the Russians have repeatedly failed to bring down inflation as prom-

But Russia is in the midst of a revolution, and the IMF is evidently not well equipped to deal with the very turbulent circumstances that it is encountering. The election returns will not make the politics of Russia's reform any easier. Aid from abroad, if it is to have any great impact, is going to have to be delivered and used with great skill.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

# **Clinton Is Still Dodging**

Bowing to political reality, President Bill Clinton has now instructed his lawyers to give the Justice Department all papers concerning his and Mrs. Clinton's partnership in a controversial Arkansas land deal.

These include files that had been presumptuously spirited from the office of the deputy White House counsel, Vincent Foster, follow-

Mr. Clinton's action falls well short of full and immediate public disclosure of the files. But it spares him a potentially embarrassing fight with his own attorney general, Janet Reno, whose investigators had threatened to subpoena the files. The investigators are looking into the collapse of Madison Guaranty, an Arkansas savings and loan whose owner, James McDougal, was the Clintons' partner in Whitewater Development Corp., which

also went bust in a speculative land venture. Federal prosecutors are exploring whether Mr. McDougal improperly diverted Madison funds to prop up Whitewater and to pay personal expenses incurred by Mr. Clinton during his 1986 campaign for governor. They also want to know whether Mr. Clinton, as governor, gave favorable treatment to Mr. McDougal's shaky savings and loan.

Mr. Clinton and his associates have been dodging full disclosure about Whitewater and

his and his wife's relationship with Mr. McDougal since early in the 1992 campaign. It is entirely possible that the Clintons have done no wrong. But the evasive tactics by the White House have fueled suspicions that there is something in those files worth hiding.

Representative Jim Leach of Iowa, the ranking minority member of the House Banking Committee, has called on Ms. Reno to appoint an independent counsel to investigate Whitewater and the circumstances surrounding Mr. Foster's death. Ms. Reno has refused, arguing that any special prosecutor she appointed would be seen as less than fully independent. But that is nonsense. Her appointee would be perceived as independent if he or she had a reputation for courage, competence and integrity.

Ms. Reno's rejection of a special prosecutor

leaves the investigation in the hands of mid-dle-level employees at the Justice Department. This puts her under a heavy professional obligation to ensure that these investigators can operate freely without interference from the White House and the various Clinton loyalists who occupy high positions at Justice. She will be equally obliged to report her findings and render the full public disclosure that the White House has withheld so far.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# Another Path for Algeria

Algeria steadily rises. A couple of thousand against France a generation ago. In throwing people have died there in street lighting and off French rule, Algerians fought an exceedassassinations in the two years since the gov- ingly bloody war in which hundreds of thouernment, backed by the army, abruptly canceled a national election in which a Muslim fundamentalist party was winning. Last spring the assassins shifted their targets from the police to intellectuals and public figures. assuming, correctly, that the political impact would be greater. Now they have begun to go explicitly after foreigners. Not long ago, unidentified men cut the throats of 12 Bosnian and Croatian technicians working on a dam.

If repression alone could end this kind of insurrection, the Algerian government would be well on its way to success. It has had a lot of experience with repression, and does not hesitate to use it. But in fact the toll only mounts. Why are foreigners now under threat? Perhaps the insurrectionaries fear that foreign technical help might produce enough prosperity to strengthen the government. That, unfortunately, is highly unlikely. Economic conditions have been deteriorating for some time in Algeria. Output remains unable to keep up with one of the world's highest rates of population growth, and the standard of living has been in a long decline.

This savage struggle is particularly tragic

Not surprisingly, the level of violence in because it closely replicates the Algerian war sands died. Just as the French Army damaged itself and its standing by resorting to torture then, so the present Algerian government successors to the liberation movement -- is now using torture in its attempts to control the rebellion. Middle East Watch, among other human rights organizations, has reported widespread evidence of it.

When outsiders sometimes try to suggest that the solution is political reform and better enforcement of rights - as the Clinton administration has done - the Algerian regime furiously responds by asking whether the world would prefer to have the country ruled by the kind of people who are currently in charge in Iran. There is not much doubt that the Iranian government is supporting both Muslim fundamentalism and revolutionary violence in Algeria. That is the Algerians dilemma. But the government's reliance on police and military power is not working, and Algeria's history argues powerfully that it is not going to work. Even under the present desperate circumstances, the only real hope is to begin moving back toward democracy.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

# Other Comment

#### Hosokawa's Tightrope Act

There is a serious possibility that Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa will be forced to dissolve parliament at the end of January. The reason: The Liberal Democratic Party is determined to sabotage passage of a crucial political reform bill, the centerpiece of the prime minister's reform package that will change the nature of Japan's electoral districts and impose stricter controls on campaign funds.

The former ruling party has found an unlikely ally in the Socialist Party, which is part of the eight-member governing coalition and which fears marginalization after the package is approved. While the bill has passed the lower house of parliament, the chances are even at best that it will get through the upper house, even with the 45-day extension of the parliamentary session that Mr. Hosokawa obtained last week. If the bill fails, the prime

minister may be forced to call a new election. But that in itself is not such a horrifying prospect. If the analysts are right, the Liberal Democrats might well be pushed further into oblivion if an election were held today.

Mr. Hosokawa is still enormously popular among the voters, with approval ratings higher than 60 percent. But the prime minister might soon learn firsthand how ephemeral opinion polls can be. Already, there are doubts whether he will be able to sustain that support, especially if his failure to push through broad political reform is interpreted as a sign of political immaturity.

This only underscores how crucial it will

be for him, in the weeks ahead, to build on his goodwill with the electorate and deliver tangible results on both the political and economic fronts. The alternative could well be a new election and a new leader.

- Business Times (Singapore).



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# Lunch in Gaza With Five Men Who Can Make It Work

GAZA CTTY, Israeli-Occupied Gaza Strip

— Stones bounce off our yellow-tagged Israeli bus, despite the heavy escort of gun-toting Israeli soldiers. From occupied Gaza's swarm of tattered slums, we arrive at a star-tlingly pleasant white villa on a pristine Medi-

These Fatah leaders had spent years in Israeli prisons. Yet all said that Israeli determination and democracy impressed them.

terranean beach - the (English-language) Cliff Restaurant, just down a sandy street from the Love Boat.

Our phugged-in guide, the Israeli journalist Enud Yaari, has arranged for us to have lunch with local Palestinian leaders of Yasser Arafat's El Fatah organization. This is the group that presumably will run Gaza as the Israelis, under terms still being worked out, withdraw. Our escort checks out the premises and retires. Five hard-looking men fore and aft of 30 materialize, presumably with their own se-curity. All are from families displaced from

Israel around 1948. All had served up to 12

years in Israeli prisons for offenses not detailed

By Stephen S. Rosenfeld

to us. All now live in Jabaliya, a wretched town described as the world's largest refugee camp. As we sit down to hunch we quickly grasp that this encounter surpasses in portent all of our high-policy appointments on both the Israeli and Arab sides. If the autonomy Israel offers the Palestinians is to work, it will be through the exertions of Palestinians like these on the ground.

Prison was for the live the great national as well as personal crucible. In conditions they describe as the "summit of fascism," they did not give in, they say — although, and this they do not say, some did give in. They created their own institutions, organized strikes, de-bated with Israeli soldiers, suffered penalties in a process at once intellectual and violent. They lived for the first time a "pure Palestintransmitation of ordeal into pride, recalling James Stockdale's account of American prisoners of war in Vietnam.

But with a difference. The five claim they won — they wanted to win — the respect of their captors. And more than respect. They learned about Israel. What they learned, they say, is that Israelis will not give in under force, only through discussion and persuasion.

across a table of fresh vegetables and tasty humous, lamb and rice, mineral water and sweet coffee - I find it almost too good to be true. This is what partisans of peace must want Palestinians to learn of Israelis. It is what one wants Israelis to learn of Palestinians. Is it a line peddled to innocent Americans? I choose to think otherwise.

As our lunch goes on, the five loosen up

and lean forward, and so do we.
We hear of something else that these former prisoners and other Palestimans under occupation have learned of Israel: about its democracy. They admire it. Not that they intend to create an Arab Israel. But they are studying Israel as well as the Arab states in order to create their own political model. They definitely do not want to fashion the future Palestine after any existing Arab state. How did Gaza's revolt against the occupation catch fire? "Our people worked [as day laborers] in Israel and saw how Israelis lived and came back to the refugee

camps and exploded." They are at pains to say that even during the occupation, Gazans have held together a "civilized society." Palestinians are politically divided as well as geographically dispersed and need extended dialogue among hemselves, they acknowledge. They grant

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the terrorist organization

But the way they intend to beat Hamas is at the polls with early elections—on July 13, according to last fall's Jaraeli-Palestmian breakthrough at Oslo. Will El Fatah be able to leash Hamas? They will be alone, and we

will enforce the law."

Three of our table mates shared an Israeli cell during the Gulf War. We ask how Palestimans, who have lived under occupation, could have supported Saddam Russein, him-self an occupier and a dictator who would have killed the likes of these five.....

You must understand the Palestinians, they say: No one else responded to our need to say: No one else responded to our need to oppose even symbolically, the occupation. The Scuds fired by Iraq against Israel pleased us." They turn the conversation around With many United Nations resolutions on other issues allowed to lapse, why were the resolutions on Iraq enforced?

Our fartwell is out of Februar At the gate a

crowd has mustered around the apparently amiable convergence of the Israeli soldiers picking us up and the Palestinians picking up the Fatah five. Kids are running around, plus a chich of international journalists cruising for action and plainly disappointed to learn that nothing has happened, just lunch in Gaza.

The Washington Post

# **Clinton's Good Intentions** Won't Get Us Through '94

By Charles Krauthammer

W ASHINGTON — Year one of the Clinton foreign policy, the Year of Good Intentions, is mercifully over. It began with an inaugural address proclaiming a doctrine of armed humanitarianism — America acting with force when necessary" not just to defend its interests but when "the will and conscience of the international community is defied." It ended with a return to pru-dence and sanity — the United States leaving Somalia, Haiti and Bosnia behind, an admission that, absent a compelling national interest, conscience alone is not reason enough for armed intervention.

Somalia, Haiti and Bosnia are now yoked together in a kind of compound word meaning good intentions gone bad or gone nowhere. In each instance, the administration took the American people up the hill and then back down. And a good thing, too, that we came back down. Each of these three promised intervention without end.

It would, of course, have been better had the United States gotten to where it is now without detours through ill-conceived action (Somalia, Haiti) and empty bluff (Bosnia). U.S. credibility has been damaged

the quality papers.

**D** OSTON — The press has its own version of Gresham's Law: the tendency, in the competition for readers, to let the scandalous and sensa-

tional drive out serious news. An example is the

press in Britain, where the tittle-tattle of the

labloids has lately infected the news judgment of

In the past week the American press has faced -

and most of it flunked — a test of its resistance to

the cheap and scurrilous. A story about the sex life

of President Bill Clinton, dubious in its evidence

and its promoters, nevertheless proved irresistible

had arranged or overseen numerous assignations for Mr. Clinton when he was governor. Pushing

their story was Cliff Jackson, an Arkansas lawyer

long obsessed with hatred of Bill Clinton.

The story first broke into print in The American

Spectator, a magazine of the far tight. The author

was David Brock, the man who described Anita Hill

as "a bit nutty, and a bit slutty," who has made

himself chief manure-spreader for the extreme right.

His article quotes the troopers, and two alleged others who withheld their names, as describing

approaches by Mr. Clinton to many women, some

of them strangers. Yet not one woman was pro-

Two Arkansas state troopers claimed that they

to most newspapers and broadcasters.

in North Korea. Soon, very soon, the International Atomic Energy Agency will declare North Korea as having "broken the continuity" of in-spection of its nuclear facilities. These are the required code words by which the IAEA sounds the alarm on nuclear cheaters. If nonproliferation is to mean anything, the international police, with America in the lead, are then supposed to come in and do somethin

The president has said that he will, declaring unequivocally that "North Korea cannot be allowed to develop a nuclear bomb." But this may be just another of Bill Clinton's rhetorical poses. The administration appears to be setting the stage for its fourth capitulation, this time on something vital to America's national interest. If it does, then the era of mass destruction — the name historians will give to what we now tentatively call the post-Cold War era will have begun in earnest.

To be sure, there is more to Mr. Clinton's first year scorecard than just good intentions. On international economics, there was tactical finesse. He pushed through NAFTA over furious domestic opposition.

reduces world tariffs by around 40 percent and will boost the world economy. More important, it will

arrest the worldwide slide toward

protectionism that threatened a

return to the minous trade wars

And then there is the Middle East, where the administration has done very little and is to be highly praised for it. In the past, heavy-handed U.S. credibility has been damaged and that will serve America badly in the real crisis now coming up ternational obstructionism. GATT should be bilateral talks between is-

The Press Displays Its Weakness for the Dirt That Sells

By Anthony Lewis

The tone of the article is a wonderful mixture of

salaciousness and piety. Here is Mr. Brock describ-

They have come forward now because they believe the reckless personal behavior they wit-

nessed by then-Governor Clinton, if continued by

the president, a subject on which they cannot

speak authoritatively, could constitute a risk to the

national security of the U.S. by making the presi-

As Oscar Wilde said of a famous scene in

Dickens, "One would have to have a heart

of stone to read the death of Little Nell with-

Yet many papers and broadcasters used the Brock story as the basis for articles on Mr. Clin-ton's sex life, apparently on the theory that a

The Los Angeles Times, one of America's best newspapers, did its own reporting and published a long article — still without evidence from any

woman, CNN, ABC and others interviewed the two troopers and repeated the charges.

The Wall Street Journal printed nothing.

The New York Times used only a brief wire story

charge is news once it appears anywhere

ing the motives of the troopers:

dent easy prey for blackmailers.

prospects for Middle East peace.
Mr. Clinton's Middle East team knows when to get out of the way. Apart from one case of backshiding—trying to induce niceness in Hafez Assad of Syria with a gift of three jets and a presidential audience—they have let the parties work it out on their own. When the PLO came crying to Uncle Sam during the current stalemate in Gaza-Jericho ne-

until Hillary Rodham Clinton denounced the charges.

their decision by saying they were concerned not with sex but with a possible cover-up. But that was just a

rationalization for an appeal to the readers' prunent

Bill Clinton, we should be asking why he is silent in the face of genocide in Bosnia —

why he says nothing when Serbian aggressors agree to

a Christmas trace and then, the next day, pour shells

There is much to criticize in this administration

and much to praise. But only someone driven by

hate would make the president's most intimate life

the test. As the record of great figures in history shows, the correlation between a politician's sexual

fidelity and his contribution to mankind is zero.

his paper's decision to publish.

He said: "It's a tough call, but if I'd been the

The New York Times:

editor I wouldn't have run it.

The most striking thing about these charges is their

levance. If we are worned about the morality of

Some editors, no doubt embarrassed, rationalized

applied the lessons of Oslo. Get out of the way. Stay out of the way. And host a great big party when the bilat-eral talks succeed. What will next year be like? The last three have marked a period of extraordinary international calm. It gotiations, the administration said:

was an eerie calm that produced the first presidential campaign in 50 vears in which foreign policy played no part at all (except to the extent that an interest in foreign affairs became an exploitable political li-ability). This interlude, which many mistook and still mistake for the norm, began Feb. 28, 1991, with the end of the Gulf War. It ended Dec. 12, 1993, with the thunderclap of the Russian election.

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Go away. Work it out with the Israe-

his. You are going to have to live together. Start now.

The administration has correctly

The Russian election reminds us of the fragility of the current peace. It points to the threat of a return not just to Cold War days, but to worse days. Stalin and his successors were evil, but they were not reckless. They never attacked Western Europe. They fought a losing war in Afghanistan and never used the bomb. They demonstrated caution even in proxy

wars like Vietnam and Nicaragua. The prospect of the neo-Nazi Vla-dimir Zhuinovsky or some other reckless and embittered imperialist at the helm in Moscow should con-I do not pretend that it is easy for an editor to centrate American minds on the centrality of Russia. Its future is the stay away from a story like this one, but then courage is what editors are for.

I asked David Shaw, the greatly respected media critic of the Los Angeles Times, what he thought of main event. North Korea, the current crisis, is the under-card.

Peacekeeping nation-building the Somalia-Haiti-Bosnia triangle have preoccupied us this year. No more The year of good intentions is over.

Washington Post Writers Group.

## Young Suharto's Fast-Track Approach Is Hardly the Tigers' Way By Philip Bowring

that matter, of Taipei.
When Koreans and Taiwanese go

westward to buy companies, they look for what will enhance their exist-

ing operations, improve their technology or expand their global reach.

Even now, when conspicuous con-sumption is less frowned on, it is hard

HONG KONG — Symbolism matters everywhere, but no more so than in Indonesia, home of the wayang, or puppet drama. So the election, after much official obstruction, of Megawati Sakarnoputri, a daughter of the late independence fighter and demagogue, President Su-karno, as head of the quasi-opposition PDI (Indonesian Democratic Party) matters. It matters not because of her competence as a leader, or her

ideas of government, which seem to

be tepid, eclectic populism. Here is a

famous old name to put up against

Symbols acquire added importance

when there is scant way for alternative

leaders to emerge. Neponism deter-mines both sides of the coin. Ms.

Mezawati's elevation may be especial-

ly significant at a time when Mr. Su-

harto has been showing evident testi-

ness in the face of student

demonstrations, possibly encouraged

by sections of the military. With more

than a touch of apparent exaggeration,

Mr. Suharto compared them to Com-

But if Ms. Megawan is more symbol

than substance of opposition, what

symbolism are we to attach to the activities of one of President Subarto's

offspring, Hutomo Mandala Putra

better known as Tommy Suharto? He

and a fellow young businessman who

made fame and fortune in the pop music business are buying into that

munist movements of the '60s.

President Suharto and his children.

duced in support of the charges.

borghimi SpA. Chrysler Corp. may not find much commercial use for this sedan on the steets of Seoul or, for low-slung piece of road-holding Italian machinery. But the two Indonesian businessmen see plenty of poten-

tial in it, as well as a way to include Indonesia has admirably few regnlations on foreign-exchange export. and an agreeably relaxed attitude to

there is no good reason to engage in

puritanical denunciation of the

spending or investment habits of the proprietors of PT Megatech, as the

indonesian investors' company is

called Indeed, some Indonesians

may be relieved that Tommy, having

amassed a modest fortune, is - no

like other businessmen in the family

However, as money pours indis-criminately out of Western and Japa-

nese pension funds into Eastern prom-

ise, the Lamborghini issue reminds us

how different the leading nations of

Northeast Asia are from their cousins

South Korea, where scarce capital

was used to build, over time, a locally

owned car industry. It took 20 years,

but that industry is now challenging

the products of Japan, the United

States and Europe, particularly for lower-priced autos. Through the 70s

It presents a contrast to the likes of

-abjuring politics for cars.

in Southeast Asia, or China.

symbol of Western glamour, elitism lower-priced autos. Through the '70s and automobile technology. Lam-

to imagine Korea's automotive companies diverting energy and capital into the likes of Lamborghini.

Meanwhile, in Indonesia the auto industry is a high-cost chaos of small-volume assemblers. It badly needs It took South Korea 20 years to build a competitive domestic automobile industry. In Indonesia, treo young men in a hurry are taking a big short cut.

the rationalization that would increase volume and broaden the comlife that permits people to spend their ponent base. But politically well-contime and money as they wish. So nected interests stand in the way.

That may change. There are tentative plans for rationalization and even production of a "national car" on the lines of Malaysia's Proton, But for now there could barely be a starker contrast than that between the needs of Indonesia's auto industry and the purchase of Lamborghini. In every country there are links be-

tween business and politics involving mutual back-scratching. But big firms and entrepreneurs in South Kores and Taiwan acquired their political influence after succeeding in business. The Korean automaker Hyundai.

for instance, received government favors, such as contracts and loans, after demonstrating success in opening export markets and creating internationally competitive industries, In Japan, politicians squeezed business for the money to oil the political system, but this process, however cor-rupt, had only marginal impact on the accumulation of corporate wealth and success. Companies have survived and prospered while politicians have been replaced — and not by their sons and daughters.
In Indonesia (and to a lesser degree

in Malaysia) accumulation of serious wealth flows as much from being close to political power as from pos-sessing business acumen. The same is true in China, where party officials use "market socialism" as a cover for personal profit-making.
This might be beneficial in the long-

run if it helps spread a capitalist ethic. But it could also lead to waste of apital and growing class resentment. In Indonesia and Malaysia, the

ment of Chinese dominance of business by creating a local capital-owning class may justify the use of political power to reassign wealth. And if buying Lamborghini can im-prove Indooesian social stability. much the better.

But it does show up the deep differences in social and economic atti-tudes between the original "tigers" of Asian economic growth and some of the "tiger cubs," between the reality of South Korea and the symbolism of Lamborghini and Ms. Megawati. International Herald Tribune.

#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1893: No Men Allowed BRUSSELS - The dissensions

which have for some time been existing in the Belgian Women's Rights League came to a head at the meet to-day [Dec. 26]. The proposal that men should be entirely excluded from the committee was carried by a large majority. M. Louis Frank, a barrister. the founder and secretary of the League, left the hall amid a scene of the wildest excitement.

#### 1918: Wilson's Welcome

LONDON - Two million Londoners to-day [Dec. 27] lined two miles of streets canopied with flags and bunting and gave a vociferons welcome to the President of the United States. In the state carriage with the King and the Duke of Connaught, surrounded by a Sovereign's escort of Household Cavalry, amid the thads of saluting cannon, President Wilson received as be passed between the solid lines of soldiers this afternoon, a popular

welcome unprecedented in history. London was not satisfied with the tumultuous greeting accorded during the ceremonial drive to Buckingham Palace; where the President is staying as the King's guest.

#### 1943: Scharnhorst Sank LONDON -- From our New York

edition:) Germany's 26,000 ton battleship Scharnhorst was brought to bay yesterday [Dec. 26] off the Arctic coast of Norway by units of the British Home Fleet and sank in a blazing battle which reduced the German Navy to two major units. Home Fleet units protecting a Russian convoy of the northern route to Murmanst forced the Schamborst into action of the bleak North Cape in the atternoon, an Admiralty communique and nounced, and the ship was sunk during the evening. The official German D.N. H. news agency acknowledged early today, within an hour after the British Admiralty announcement, that the Scharnhorst had been sunk.

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# A Rebuff On Ethnic Russians

# Republics Reject Yeltsin Proposal

By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service MOSCOW — In a renewed display of tension over the resurgence of Russian nationalism, the former Soviet republics grouped in the Commonwealth of Independent States have rejected a Russian proposal to grant special status to Rus-

sians living inside their borders. The proposal was put forward by President Boris N. Yeltsin at a meeting in Turkmenistan of the leaders of the 12 countries that make up the Commonwealth, which comprises all the former Soviet republics except the three Bal-

About 25 million Russians live in former Soviet republics, the so-called near abroad. Their status has been a major issue for critics of Mr. Yeltsin, who charge that they are being treated as second-class citizens, particularly in Central Asia.

They specifically cite steps to discriminate against Russians in schools, take away their jobs and property, force them to learn local languages and deny them full citizenship rights. These issues were a rallying cry for Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, the nationalist whose party did well in the Dec. 12 parliamentary elections in Russia

Even before Mr. Zhirinovsky's success, Mr. Yeltsin had complained about discrimination against his compatriots as a way of muting criticism from Russian con-

But after the strong showing of Mr. Zhirinovsky in the elections, many Commonwealth' members wanted assurances that Mr. Yeltsin would not swing Russia's weight even harder on the issues of nationality and sovereignty.

#### NATO: New Relationship

Continued from Page 1 an Community conference in April for Baltic and East European states to draw up a "stability pact."

"Europe is not in a position to dictate to the United States what its vital national interests should be, nor is anybody else in the world. On the other hand, Europe cannot wait to identify its own vital and strategic interests until the United States has made up its mind," said Sir Russell Johnston, a member of Britain's Parliament, in a report for the Western European Union, an alliance that focuses on defense.

pare for a future where it will have to defend on its own certain vital and strategic interests it may no longer share with the United States and will have to handle under the benevolent eye, but without the ac-tive participation of, the United States," the report said.



Oles Popos/Razze.

Mr. Zhirinovsky relaxing at a pool in Sandanski after proposing a shift in Bulgaria's leadership.

# Zhirinovsky, Israeli Emigré?

By David Hoffman

Washington Past Service
JERUSALEM — Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, the Russian nationalist whose party captured nearly one-fourth of the vote in last week's parliamentary elections, requested and was sent an invitation to immigrate to Israel in 1983, according to two

Israeli officials. At the time, such an invitation was the first step taken by Jews toward leaving the Soviet Union, but many did not go further and formally apply to Soviet authorities for permission to leave. Since the invitations were sent through the mail, or passed along by intermediaries, it is not known if Mr. Zhirinovsky ever received the invitation or what he did with it, the officials said.

Mr. Zhirinovsky has denied being anti-Semitic. But he has engaged in ethnic name-calling, pledged to eject non-Russian minorities from Russia and suggested in a post-election news conference that Jews in Russia brought anti-Semitism on them-

His party captured the second-largest number of seats in the State Duma, or lower house, of Russia's new parliament, and Mr. Zhirinovsky, capi-talizing on popular disenchantment with President Boris N. Yeltsin's reforms, has vowed to run for

The request to come to Israel could shed light on a period in Mr. Zhirinovsky's past that has been

shrouded in mystery.

Many Jewish activists in Russia have said that they long regarded Mr. Zhirinovsky as Jewish, and he served as an official in a Russian Jewish cultural organization active in Moscow in the late 1980s. But Mr. Zhirinovsky has appeared reluctant to

detail his family history and origins.

He has said his mother was Russian and his

father a lawyer, skirting the issue of whether his father was Jewish. He has said that his father's name, Volf, is "not very familiar to the Russian

In seeking an invitation to immigrate to Israel in the period between the early 1970s and 1989, Soviet Jews had to provide information to Israeli authorities that they qualified under the Law of Return, which allows immigration by anyone who is Jewish as well as their children and grandchil-

One of the Israeli officials said he believed that Mr. Zhirinovsky qualified to receive an invitation because his father was Jewish.

In general, requests for invitations were sometimes smuggled out by couriers and given to Israeli diplomats in Europe or representatives of the Jewish Agency, which oversees immigration to Israel, according to Baruch Gur, director of the agency's branch for the former Soviet Union and Eastern

Mr. Gur said an invitation from Israel would be issued only after a Soviet Jew wrote out a request, providing basic family information, ages, addresses and correct spellings, "otherwise he wouldn't get

The Israeli government had no diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union at the time. The invitations were often issued using specific names, addresses and Israeli ID card numbers as their source even if there was no family relationship to the Soviet Jew who had requested them, Mr. Gur

To give the Soviet Jews maximum flexibility in dealing with the authorities, the invitations never mentioned family kinship, Mr. Gur said, recalling an old jingle among Soviet Jews that went, "I have an auntie in Israel.

# Russian's Remarks Rattle Bulgaria

SANDANSKI, Bulgaria -- The Russian nationalist Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky shook up Bulgarians on Sunday with a proposal to replace its president with an unknown Bulgarian working as one of Mr. Zhirinovsky's advisers.

This is the future Bulgarian president, Mr. Zhirinovsky said, introducing a businessman, Svetoslay Stoilov, to reporters in this mountain resort during a private visit to the former Communist country.

Mr. Zhirinovsky said Mr. Stollov was his consul-

tant on the European economy. Bulgarian-born but based in Austria, Mr. Stoilov is miknown in public life here.

"These are the delirious statements of a frivo-

lons politician who is trying to meddle in the internal affairs of our country," said President Zhelyu Zhelev, commenting on Mr. Zhirinovsky's

Speaking to BTA, Bulgaria's official news agen-cy, on arrival from Austria on Saturday, Mr. Zhio-

inovsky said:
"In a number of East European countries the it would be more beneficial to Russia if Svetoslav Stoilov becomes Bulgarian president.

"To us the most important thing is that the political leadership of the country must be changed. Your current president is a political figure of the transitional period which is coming to an

#### **BOOKS**

IN EUROPE'S NAME: Germany and the Divided

By Timothy Garton Ash. 680 pages. \$27.50. Random House. Reviewed by Marc Fisher

C OMMUNISM collapses, Germany remnites and Europe discovers ancient suspicions and rivalries. Now comes the postmortem: Who gets credit for the revolutions of '89? Who shall be blamed for the confusion and tension that emerged in places whose blueprints called for a New World Order? Who was right through those post-war years of confrontation? Was it America's Cold Warriors, with their stern view of communist lead-ers as donkeys in need of a harsh prodding when they misbehaved? Or was it the West Germans, with their idea of the Soviet bloc as a warren of rabbits who would freeze if put under the spotlight and bite if

The subject is Ostpolitik, the complex but consistent effort by West German politicians from the '60s through the '80s to stabilize relations with East Germany, the Soviet Union and the rest of the East Bloc even as the superpowers lurched back and forth between de-tente and brinkmanship. While Jimmy Carter personally pressed the human rights cause, Bonn concentrated on sister city deals with East German mayors. While Ron-ald Reagan shouted "Mr. Gorba-chev, tear down this wall," West German politicians invited the most corrupt of East German Communists on hunting and mountain-climbing vacations.

Germans of all political stripes these days rally around the notion that 1989 was possible only because of policies associated with Willy Brandt, the late chancellor, and the former foreign minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher — a sys-tem of payments, credits and end-less negotiations with the East. combined with infuriatingly vague talk about peace, stability and un-derstanding. In the Anglo-American world, the German approach to the East-West divide has often been derided as policies designed to support stability über alles, ignoring human rights violations and strength than he in fact held

record. And who better to handle the investigation than Timothy Garton Ash, the Oxford fellow whose previous books on Central Europe have combined a reporter's eye, a student's passion and a histonan's care, producing essays admired equally by academics and laymea. This befty volume, supported by nearly 200 pages of notes, is a departure from his past works. This is traditional, rigorous history, using the papers of West German politicians and the archives of East Germany's Communist Party and secret police to trace the motives and methods of the Bonn leadership. Garton Ash con-cindes that on the eternal question of which was more effective, detente or defense, the answer is "nei-ther and both." "The Americans

while the Germans became too partial to offering carrots," he writes. Garton Ash shows that the West German belief in the permanence of the communist system created an Ostpolitik that was allergic to reform. In Bonn, they called it quite seriously — "overcoming the status quo by first not changing the status quo." The West's purchase of freedom for 250,000 East Germans sucked the life and creative spirit out of any indigenous dissi-dent movement. Western credits kept affoat repressive regimes that otherwise would have been forced to reform (although the burden of debt also sped the system's col-

remained too hooked on sticks

In this work, examining the path toward revolutions powered from below, Garton Ash restricts his survey to policy ordained from above. The result is a superb work of research, one that will define the Who Was Right debate. But it is not the Garton Ash who captured tized into a fear of itself, the dream in earlier works the spirit and striving of the Poles and the Czechs.

Clearly pained by Bonn's antag-onism toward Poland's Solidarity protest movement, the author charges that West Germany, unlike the United States, would not let itself even dream of 1989. West German realism "underestimated the value of sacrifice (and idealism). Realistic about the power of the power holders, it overlooked the power holders, it overlooked the power of the powerless," he reau chief for The Washington Post, writes. Ostpolitik, Garton Ash is writing a book on Germany after says, was a far more national policy than the Germans ever admitted.

Marc Fisher, former Berlin butterate the for The Washington Post.

Through Ostpolitik, and now again as a fully sovereign united Germany, the continent's premier economic and political power has managed to protect its own interests even as it claims not to have

The closest he comes to delving

into the German soul is in an en-

lightening discussion of Bonn's at-

tempt - both before and after the fall of the Berlin Wall - to camou-

flage its national interests "in Eu-

rope's name." In a country trauma-

 Manfred Klans Killmann, physicist and former mayor of Ros-tock, Germany, is reading Dmitri Volkogonov's "Stalin: Triumph and

Tragedy."
"It's a good, deep analysis of his personality. For decades our city, too, was shaped by Stalinism and I wanted find out more about him." (David Molner, LHT)



#### BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott T WO little known players from Berkeley, California, Michel Schneider and John Font, led into

the two final sessions of the Blue Ribbon Pair Championship in Se-attle, in November, but several famous players were in hot pursuit. Fout is a junior player who repre-sented the United States in the World Junior Team Championship in Denmark in August.

On the diagramed deal from another event, a New York expert brought home a difficult contract. Adam Wildavsky as South reached three no-trump after East had shown strength — rather more

the military threat.

A spade was led to the king, block the queen on the next trick.

Partisan argument aside, histori—which was allowed to win. The next.

In the endgame East could have

the ace and West unblocked his to permit a diamond lead through queen. The diamond finesse was almost sure to lose, and a direct attempt to establish a heart trick was hopeless: East would take three more spade tricks as well as the heart ace for down one.

South therefore ran all his clubs, putting pressure on East. That player eventually gave up a spade to keep his heart ace and guarded diamond king, and was given the lead with a heart. He had to lead from the diamond king at the fin-ish, and Wildavsky made his game. A more subtle defense would have prevailed. If East had played

the spade jack on the first trick, his partner would not have had to unans can now begin looking at the spade lead was perforce won with given his partner the lead in spades

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# Israel May Offer Larger Jericho Enclave

JERUSALEM — In a concession to Palestinians. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told his cabinet on Sunday that Israel was ready to double the size of the autonomous enclave around the West Bank town of Jericho, Israeli

The report came on the eve of a meeting Monday in Cairo between Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Mahmoud Abbas, a senior aide to the Palestine Liberation Organization

chairman, Yasser Arafat. They were to make the third attempt in nine days to reach a compromise to clear the way for

the start of Israeli withdrawal. "If we don't make meaningful progress in

this round in Cairo, it will not be a very good and two adjacent refugee camps.

sign for the negotiations," said Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, a member of the Israeli negotiating team, in an interview with Israeli

radio after the cabinet meeting.

Other ministers, speaking after the meeting, said that Israel would insist on retaining control over border crossings from Egypt and Jordan into Jericho and the Gaza Strip.

The size of the Jericho region and control over the border crossings.

over the border crossings have been the two main sticking points in the Israel-PLO negotia-

Israeli radio said that Israel would offer to withdraw from about 50 square kilometers, nearly double its opening offer of 27 square kilometers, that included the town of Jericho However. Mr. Rabin told the cabinet that Israel would not agree to let the autonomous region reach the Dead Sea to the south or include any Jewish settlements, said Trade Minister Micha Harish.

The Tel Aviv daily Ha aretz said that Mr. Peres had offered the Palestinians a compro-mise under which the territory between the autonomous region and the Dead Sea would be used for joint Israeli-Palestinian tourism and business ventures.

The paper quoted Nissim Zvili, a leading figure in Mr. Rabin's Labor Party, as saying that Mr. Arafat was leaning toward accepting the offer. Mr. Zvili met with Mr. Arafat last

# MAO: Centennial of His Birth Is Sensitive Milestone

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in failing health. But his presence was nonetheless felt. In an hourlong address, Mr. Jiang asserted that even "Comrade Deng Xisoping" had once "pointed out that Comrade Mao Zedong's contribution comes first and his mistakes in his later years come second."

"His mistakes are the mistakes of a great revolutionary, a great Marxist," Mr. Jiang said.

principles of Marxism with the reality of China and inherited and along with his mistakes, firmly in developed Mao Zedong thought" to put forward his "theory for building socialism with Chinese characteristics," the party slogan that refers to building a market-oriented economy under Communist Party rule.

Mr. Jiang's speech is part of the political choreography the Com-munist Party is undertaking to insure that upon Mr. Deng's death, power passes seamlessly to Mr. Jiang, who already holds all of the patriot and national hero in Chititles that would make him the next na's modern history."

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dards are tight.

warning to the staff that tribal stan-

More important, Mr. Brown,

who also exchanges the latest gam-ing intelligence with Las Vegas and

Atlantic City operators, says he urges other tribes to duplicate a key

Connecticut requirement in the

tribal gaming compact for thorough criminal and professional background checks of each employee and sizable outside contrac-

The key to the tribal casino

boom has been the Supreme

Court's modern decisions bolster-

ing the sovereignty and business prerogatives of Indians.

Pressure is growing in Congress

paramount leader -as he was designated by Mr. Deng in 1989. But many Chinese and Western analysts say they believe Mr. Jiang lacks the requisite leadership skill to maintain power and could be replaced in the same manner that Hua Guofeng, Mao's designated successor, was eased out by Mr.

Sunday's editions of major newspapers did not carry photographs of Mao, as if to emphasize the point that the commemoration was not "Comrade Deng Xiaoping." Mr. meant to rebuild the political Mao-Jiang said, "combined the basic ist cult that once took deep root in the party, but to keep Mao planted,

> Inside the Great Hall, a structure that was built at Mao's behest in 10 months in the late 1950s, there were red banners with slogans, a military band and chorus banging out patriotic tunes under the gleaming giant red star fixed in the ceiling 30 yards

above the podium. Mr. Jiang proclaimed Mao "a proletarian revolutionary, a strategist and theoretician, and a great

have more lobbying withal of their

own, they are aware that any seri-

seized upon as typical by critics like

Mr. Trump. He angers some tribal leaders and amuses others with his

threatened by Indian competition,

But he also pointed out, as have a sheaf of the party's official organs in recent weeks, that it was Mr. Deng who brought the party back to a path of economic reconstruction and prosperity.

Mr. Jiang was alone among the inner circle of leaders wearing a crisply tailored Mao suit of the style fashionable in the buttonedup Mao years. Also present four seats to Mr. Jiang's right was Yang Shangkun, the former president who lost his leadership posts in late 1992 and early 1993. The presidency was assumed by Mr. Jiang and rumors of a strong rivalry between

the two men persist.

Mr. Yang left the dais about a third of the way through Mr.

Jiang's speech.

Mao died in September 1976, nearly three decades after he declared the founding of the People's Republic of China from atop the Gate of Heavenly Peace on the north side of the square. Mao's sarcophogus is near the center of the square and has been visited by millions of tourists. Mr. Jiang led the assembled leadership to view the embalmed corpse of Mao after the ceremony in the Great Hall.

During his rule, millions of Chinese were persecuted, imprisoned or killed during his campaigns. CASINOS: New Days for Indians Chief among these were the antirightist campaign of 1957 and the Cultural Revolution that raged to curtail this billion-dollar tribal power, and while the Indians now

from 1966 to 1976, when Mao died. A prominent member of the Chi-nese Academy of Sciences who adous reservation scandal would be, vocates a new democratic movement in China, Xu Liangying, 73, said of the ceremony, "The Soviets don't commemorate Stalin, and complaint, as a casino manager 150 years after the birth of Mao the Chinese will certainly not com-

ing forward led by gambling proponents who "don't look like Indicate to me."

Both he and another promuseus dissident, Wei Jingsheng, said that some elements of the party continuous desire Mao as a means to Mr. Miller takes this not as im- ued to deily Mao as a means to plicit racism but as a measure that attack Mr. Deng and his proteges Indians look more and more like for their economic reforms, which established entrepreneurs who are will lead to dismantling of the tramastering the gaming industry with ditional command economy dominated by state planners.

# Mitterrand Reportedly **Got Cash**

By Alan Riding

New York Times Service PARIS - A judge investigating the affairs of a prominent French businessman who died in March 1989 while facing charges for insider trading has concluded that the man made regular cash payments to President François Mitterrand and his son, according to a French

magazine. The newsweekly Le Point quoted extensively from a confidential report by the judge that asserted the businessman paid 293,000 francs, about \$50,000 at the current rate, to Mr. Mitterrand from 1972 to 1980 when Mr. Mitterrand was an opposition leader and 579,429 francs to his son, Gilbert, from 1981 to 1989.

Responding to the report, the Elysée Palace said "none of this infor-mation" related to the period after Mr. Mitterrand's election to the presidency on May 10, 1981. Before this date, "it could only be related to François Mitterrand's professional activities as a lawyer," it said.

But the statement made no reference to the reported payments to Mr. Mitterrand's son, nor did it address assertions by Judge Thienry Jean-Pierre that the businessman, Roger-Patrice Pelat, frequently profited from his decades-old friendship with Mr. Mitterrand.

In February, Judge Jean-Pierre disclosed that Mr. Pelat made an interest-free loan of one million francs to Pierre Bérégovoy in 1986. Although Mr. Bérégovoy, a Socialist, was not in government when he received the loan, he was prime minister when it was revealed

in his new report, the judge said he had found no documents to support assertions that Mr. Beregovoy had repaid the loan. Mr. Beregovoy committed suicide in May.

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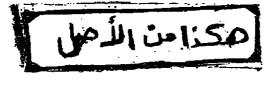
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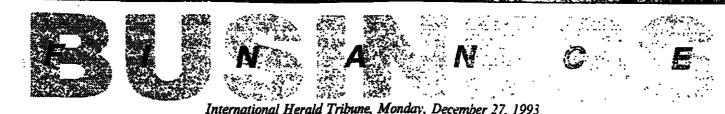
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#### CAPITAL MARKETS

# French State Jobless Fund Considers Big Debt Issue

By Sylviane de Saint-Seine Bloomberg Business News

ARIS - Unedic, the French social security agency that pays memployment benefits, is set to borrow up to 33 billion French francs (\$5.7 billion) in the next few weeks to repay its debts, a government official said. The French government has already pledged its guarantee for that amount. The official, who asked not to be identified, said Unedic had not decided yet whether it mould raise the means therefore has back gradity decided yet whether it would raise the money through a bank credit or a bond, nor has it calculated how much exactly it needs.

"It should make up its mind soon and raise the funds in the next few weeks," he said. Unedic was not available for comment. Part of the money will go to reimburse debt of 18 billion francs to

another agency dealing within pensions. The official said the debts had been accumulated in get was balanced.

the past, and that the 1994 budhas become a major The gaping social security worry for authorities.

deficit has become a major worry for French authorities, even more so than the state's budget shortfall, slated at 300 billion francs

Edmond Alphandery said at a press conference that the state's budget deficit was under control but that tough decisions would have to be taken to rein in social security spending

Last summer, the government had agreed with employers and trade unions on measures to save the unemployment insurance system. Labor Minister Michel Girand had said at the time that the system, which is managed jointly by unions and employers, had been facing bankruptcy because of record unemployment of more than 3 million people. By October, French unemployment was 12.0 percent of the labor force, or 3.3 million people.

The summer agreement stipulated that workers would pay 0.35 percent more into the system, while the government would pay 10 pillion francs a year toward meeting the system's deficit.

The package was expected to raise an extra 20 billion francs a year for the system. Mr. Girand said at the time that it should enable the fund to pay off its debts over a decade.

Japan's Ministry of Home Affairs said it would allow local governments to increase issuance of bonds by 582 billion yen (\$5.25) billion) during the fiscal year through March 1994 to finance public works projects, the Nihon Keizai Shimbun newspaper said. As a result, local governments will probably issue a total of 13.6 trillion yen in bonds this fiscal year, the paper said.

The central government urged local governments to increase

public spending as part of the emergency stimulus package unveiled in September. Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa said the government is considering further measures to stimulate the economy. Carl Gewirtz is on vacation.

# **China Slows Planned** Currency

Unification Knight-Ridder TOKYO — China plans to unify

its dual foreign-exchange rates into a single system next spring instead of Jan. I, a Chinese official said over the weekend, according to a Kvodo news service report. Kyodo reported early Monday that the rates would be unified next spring rather than on Jan. 1, as had been planned. The Japanese news-paper Nihon Keizai Shimbun also

reported the delay. The official, who was not named. said Saturday that the government would first phase out its foreign-exchange certificates, which are used by foreigners in China.

Deputy Prime Minister Zhu Rongii originally issued instruc-tions to establish a single exchange system on Jan. 1, but he put off the change until late March or early April because more preparation time was needed, Kyodo quoted the official as saying.

Dual exchange rates currently are set by the government.
Under the standard rate, the dollar equals about 5.7 yuan, but the dollar is valued at about 8.7 yuan at

foreign exchange swap centers used by foreign companies operating in China and Chinese companies doing business abroad. The official said that exchange certificates would be collected over a sixmonth period to avoid confusion.

The official said interbank trading in foreign currencies would be allowed after the single system was implemented. ■ China Plans VAT Tax

China is preparing to levy a valne-added tax on foreign ventures this week, when the nation's biggest tax changes in four decades of communist rule take effect, the official Economic Information Daily reported Sunday, according to a Bloomberg Business News dis-

patch from Beijing.

The country's top tax official said that the overall tax burden for companies operating in China would not change in spite of the introduction of the new value-added taxes, a consumption tax on luxury goods and a sales tax on service companies.
"In general these reforms only

restructure the tax system without increasing overall tax burdens so they will not lead to price rises," Jin Xin, director of the State Taxation Mr. Jin told tax bureau heads

they should strive to maintain for-eign companies' favorable taxation treatment in China throughout the reform process, the paper said. The value-added tax is expected

Hanoi Notebook

Signs of increasing prosperity abound along Hanoi's Giang Vo Avenue, where kalei-

doscopic arrays of ceramic bathroom fixtures

compete for shoppers' attention and nearly as many satellite dishes litter the grounds of

"There will be dramatic changes here next year," VTV's Nguyen Van Phuong said, look-ing at the big dish collection, most of it donated by international broadcasters eager to crack a market of 68 million potential

Hanoi has signaled it is ready to allow one or two foreign broadcasters into Vietnam, sparking a rush of suitors and gifts of pro-

gramming and technology.

The offerings have reached a point where Mr. Phuong estimates that half of the country's programming is now from foreign sources, though little of it actually had to be

Although Rupert Murdoch's Hong Kong-based STAR TV is rumored to be a front-runner for a leading role in Vietnam, the

country is accepting other proposals and ap-pears reluctant to bring in other channels until its state-controlled broadcaster is on a

"Instead of complaining about the inva-sion from the sky, we have to be ready for it at the beginning," said Mr. Phuong, flipping through an impressive stack of business cards

To that end, VTV has taken control of provincial stations that were administered by

and moved to centralize advertising sales and purchases of equipment and programming. But VIV's transition from propaganda

ocal Communist Party people's committee

left by would-be foreign competitors.

stronger competitive footing.

Vietnam Television's headquarters.

viewers now closed to foreigners.

to be the treasury's main income source, levied at all stages of production at 17 percent for most products and at 13 percent for staple goods, the paper quoted Mr. Jin as saying.

# PCs: U.S. Beachhead in Japan

By Evelyn Richards

Washington Post Service
TOKYO — In a huge six-story outlet in
Tokyo's garish Akihabara electronics district,
Masatoshi Kanno, a local government worker on his lunch hour, pauses by a display of personal computers from Texas-based Dell Computer Corp. Mr. Kanno, who owns a laptop computer made by NEC Corp. of Japan, is intrigued by certain features and by Dell's relatively low price.

But he is wary of switching brands when he upgrades. "Everyone is using it." he said of NEC. "No one I know uses IBM-compa-

That he would even consider a Dell illustrates how far U.S. personal computer vendors have come in the year since they began aggressively marketing in Japan. At the same time, his cautious nature underscores how far the U.S. companies still have to go.

With their assault on the Japanese computer industry, American PC makers "have stuck a harpoon into the whale," said John Stern, chief of the American Electronics Association's Jamore choice and significantly lower prices.

pan office. But they haven't landed it yet." The drive began in earnest on Oct. i. 1992, when Houston-based Compaq Computer Corp., in a move memorialized here as the Kompakku Shokku, or Compaq Shock, abruptly undercut Japanese PC list prices by 50 percent. Other U.S. IBM-compatible makers — Digital Equipment Corp., Dell and International Business Machines Corp. itself

soon joined the nascent price war. The Japanese PC market, the world's second-largest, has not been the same since. In the past year, the market has been shaken by fierce price-cutting a standardization drive led by IBM, a highly successful campaign by Apple Computer Inc. and the local debut of Microsoft Corp.'s Windows software.

By transplanting U.S. technology, marketing and sales tactics to Japan, a handful of U.S. companies have jolted the practices and profits of Japan's industrial giants. They have begun to crack this nation's rigid distribution system - long a target of U.S. government and industry complaints. Thanks to U.S. companies, the PC buyer here now faces

Several are increasing staff, boosting adver-tising, and, they say, making profits. Combined, their market share has nearly doubled over the past two years, from 12.5 percent of units sold in 1991 to an estimated 23 percent this year, according to the market research organization International Data Corp.

Bolstering the American presence, 100 U.S. "packaged" software companies now have offices here, and the new Japanese version of Windows has sold 700,000 copies since May, apparently on track to reach Microsoft's first-year goal of 1 million.

But a funny thing happened on the way to a market victory for the U.S. side. Japanese computer companies, faced with aggressive new competition, began to play by the new rules. They adopted many U.S. moves, including virtually matching the low prices. By joining in the price war, the Japanese compa nies reinforced the U.S. hunch that price does matter in Japan in spite of a popular notion of the 1980s that consumers here will buy

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# Mitsubishi Chemical Units to Join

By Andrew Pollack

New York Times Service TOKYO - Mitsubishi Kasei Corp. plans to acquire Mitsubishi Petrochemical Co., an affiliate of Royal Dutch/Shell Group, in a

stock-swap takeover worth about 277.68 billion yen (\$2.51 billion) that would create one of the 10 largest chemical companies in the world. Mitsubishi Kasei, one of Japan's largest general chemical manufacturers, and Mitsubishi Petrochemical, the country's biggest petro-chemical concern, announced the deal on Friday. It would create a

company, tentatively called Mitsubishi Chemical Co., with annual sales of more than \$14 billion. Terms call for each Mitsubishi Petrochemical share to be ex-changed for 1.3 Kasei shares. Kasei would issue 641.3 million new shares in a transaction valued at

about \$2.5 billion.

Executives said the move was in part an effort to cut costs amid a severe economic slump that is driv-

in this fiscal year. But a bigger motivation, they said, was to make the companies part of a bigger and more competitive entity.

"We have to compete with the big global companies," said Masa-hiko Furukawa, president of Mitsubishi Kasei.

Unlike its automotive, electronic and steel industries, Japan's chemical industry has barely been a player on the world stage. It not only lags well behind the world leaders in the United States and Europe but also faces stiff competition from South Korea and Taiwan. which have lower costs and have been expanding their capacity.

Part of Japan's problem is that it lacks the petroleum and energy resources needed by the industry. But another factor is that Japan's industry is fragmented into small companies that lack economies of scale.

In Japan, for instance, 12 companies split an ethylene market of 6 million metric tons a year, while in

the West 1 million metric tons is regarded as the minimum quantity one another of annual sales needed for a company to survive, according to Nicholas D. Smith. an analyst with Jar-

When the two 1970s oil crises shook out the petrochemical industries in the West, Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry organized Japan's industry into cartels and spread production cuts around, rather than letting smaller

or less efficient companies fail.

dine Fleming Securities in Tokyo.

Mitsubishi Kasei ranked 13th in Fortune magazine's list of the world's largest chemical companies in 1992, with revenue of \$9.55 billion. The merged company would rank ninth on that list, with sales of \$13.7 billion, still well behind the industry leader, Du Pont Co., at

Japan as a keiretsu — in which greater efficiency.

owns 4.7 percent of the petrochem-Kasei shares closed Friday at 427 yen share, down 16 on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, while shares of the

Akira Miura, president of the petrochemical company, is to become

sei, is to be chairman. A spokesman for Mitsubishi Ka-

Mitsubishi Kasei and other com-

panies in the Mitsubishi group formed Mitsubishi Petrochemical in 1956, with help from Royal Dutch/Shell. Mitsubishi Kasei

petrochemical company finished at 611, down 19. Trading in the two stocks was suspended when the

president of the new company, while Mr. Furukawa, the president of Ka-

sei said the companies had no plans The merger partners are both for layoffs or plant closures after part of the Mitsubishi group, a the merger, although the two adjafamily of companies - known in cent plants will be combined for

# **Orders** Slip for U.S. Tools

#### Foreign Demand Slow in November

WASHINGTON — Orders for machine tools made in the United States fell for the second consecutive month in November, the Association for Manufacturing Tech-

nology said Sunday.

The figures showed that orders from abroad had continued to shrink as a result of recession in Europe and Japan. Exports in November dropped 27.5 percent from October, to \$14.25 million. They were down 21.7 percent from a fig-ure of \$18.20 million a year ago.

The result was not expected to ruin the industry's order book for the year, which is already running well ahead of 1992

Machine tool orders in November slid 4 percent, to \$241.20 million, from in October. But the total was up a massive 49.5 percent, from \$161.30 million, in November

1992, said the trade association. Orders for the first 11 months of the year totaled \$2.97 billion, up 30.6 percent from a year ago.

Machine tools are used to shape and cut metal to make goods rangical company, and various Shell af ing from toys to weapons. Econofiliates own a combined 22 percent. mists monitor the level of tool orders as an indicator of the health of the broader manufacturing industry in the United States.

Albert Moore, president of the association, said the total of orders for the year to date was promising. "In fact, 1993 will be the best bookings year for the machine tool in-dustry since the \$3.5 billion posted in 1988." he said.

Shipments of machine tools in November were up 12.7 percent from October, to \$258.35 million, and had climbed 22 percent, from \$211.80 million, a year ago.

The machine tool order backlog for November was \$1.48 billion, down from \$1.5 billion in October

AT&T Sets

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Spending of

NEW DELHI --- American

Telephone & Telegraph Co. has proposed investing \$1 bil-lion in India's telecommunica-

tions sector over a 10-year period, The Economic Times

The proposal, which AT&T submitted to India's foreign

investment promotion board,

calls for the company to build

an upgraded telecommunications network and transfer it

to the country's domestic op-

erator. AT&T would also offer

consumer products, comput-

AT&T has been in India for

seven years and has two joint

ventures with the Tata group to make switching and trans-

mission equipment.

ers and multimedia services.

reported.

# Executives Urge India's Finance Chief to Stay On

ers urged the prime minister over financial circles. the weekend not to accept the resignation of Finance Minister Manmohan Singh, saying Mr. Singh's departure would threaten India's

moves toward a market economy. Mr. Singh, the architect of India's 30-month-old program of free-market innovations, said he had sent his resignation to Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao on Thursday after being cited in a stock-scandal investigation. Word

Dishes Ready for TV's First Course

tial market entrants alike.

interrupted."

machine to profit-maker has been an educa-tion for local network executives and poten-

"We tried putting the advertising in the

middle of programs, as it is done abroad,"
Mr. Phuong said. "But we got many letters of
complaint, so we stopped it. We have to listen
to our viewers, and they just don't want to be

As Hanoi moves to catch up on deal-making ground lost to Ho Chi Minh City, the former Saigon, it is catching up with the southern business capital in corruption as well.

Wealth is being created overnight as Viet-

nam jettisons a planned economy and em-braces capitalism and with it new opportuni-

ties for influence-peddling and petty thievery

in the name of getting things done.
One successful Hanoi businessman leading

a medium-sized private company through the mill of competition with state-owned compa-

min of compension with state-owned compa-mes and hurdles imposed by bureaucrats said the situation was "difficult but manageable." But at the end of an interview about the pros and cons of running a small business in

Hanoi, the young manager changed his mind

"If I appear in a foreign newspaper and anyone finds out, the word will get around

quickly," he said. "It could cause trouble, and

I'm sure all the bribes I pay will go up in price because they'll think I'm famous."

Niche Work, but Plenty of It

Now that Vietnam is again eligible for World Bank, International Monetary Fund

about being profiled.

Learning the Price of Fame

Compiled by Our Staff From Dupatcher of his move leaked out late Friday NEW DELHI - Business lead- and caused shock in corporate and

> the prime minister's office after a statement Friday night saving Mr. Rao was studying the matter, al-though an official of Mr. Rao's Congress (I) Party said "efforts will be made" to persuade Mr. Singh to withdraw his resignation.

Mr. Singh said it was up to Mr. Rao to decide whether to accept his resignation and said he would re-

economist, offered his resignation after being accused by a parliamentary team of investigators of negligence contributing to a \$1.3 billion banking and securities scandal that broke last spring.

The panel said a failure to enforce banking regulations had led to the scandal, which ruined many then disclosure of the scandal with the scan illegal activities caused the stock market to piummet. Two other

and Asian Development Bank loans, foreign

builders are flocking in for an expected infra-

In a bid to become competitive with the

newcomers, nine state and private companies

have formed the Thang Long Investment Construction Group, in a joint venture

Thang Long, 70 percent-controlled by pri-

vate investors, plans to branch into property development and to renovate some French-

But it may find meeting Western renova-

The ravages of war and a shortage of de-

mand for craftsmen's skills since Ho Chi

Minh drove out the French have drastically

thinned the ranks of those capable of the delicate work required to faithfully renovate,

while modernizing, the crumbling villas that make Hanoi Asia's most graceful capital city.

when the plans said wiring and plumbing should be hidden in the walls," said Sam

Russell, a former Paris-based American con-

tractor now involved in Hanoi renovation

"For many years in Vietnam, only the well-

off could afford new wiring or plumbing, and

besides it cost extra to conceal it." said Mr.

Russell, who is introducing the use of power hand tools to his colleagues. "As a result, wires

and pipes became status symbols that you

wanted to show off, not bury inside the walls."

Kevin Murphy

"At first the men thought we were crazy

structure and renovation boom

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tion standards a challenge.

main in office until the prime min-ministers also were named in the Mr. Singh. a former World Bank step down.

Leading industrialists and the Rombay Stock Ex-

change voiced concern that for Mr. Singh to leave his job could seriously damage foreign investors' confi-dence in the Indian economy and

guilty in connection with the scandal. But V. N. Gadgil, a spokesman for the governing party, said last week that Mr. Singh need not re-sign, because the panel's comment on his role and that of his ministry was general in nature.

The report of the parliamentary inquiry said four foreign-owned banks were at the heart of the scandal. The four — ANZ Grindlays of Australia, Standard Chartered PLC, based in Britain, and Bank of America and Citibank of the United States — have since fired or transferred several executives.

The scandal involved the diversion of funds from the government securities market for speculation on the booming Bombay stock market. It also has led to the arrest of one senior government official and several Indian bankers and brokers since June.

Mr. Singh has led India's attempt to change from a socialist-style to a market-oriented economy. In slightly more than two years, the government has scrapped licensing con-trols, reduced tariffs and dismantled foreign-investment and import barriers, leading to surge in foreign investment in India.

"It will be a disaster if the prime minister accepts his resignation," said Adi Godrej, one of India's top industrialists. "It would be the most regressive development in re-cent months." (UPI, AFP) ■ Stock Markets Reopen

Indian stock prices fell slightly Friday after brokers ended a nine-day standoff with market regulators that had paralyzed the nation's bourses, Agence France-Presse re-

ported from Bombay.

The 30-share Bombay Stock Exchange sensitive index, which opened at 3,373.03 points, closed at 3,362.48 after an hour of trading. while the national index slipped 2 points after opening at 1,620.25. Trading was described as slow to moderate.

A broker, Mahesh Doshi, said traders had returned after reaching a compromise agreement with the Securities and Exchange Board of India, but a spokesman for the Bombay exchange, Bhanu Sanghvi, said the brokers had returned unconditionally.

Traders in Bombay, New Delhi. Calcutta and Ahmedabad went on strike Dec. 13 after regulators tool steps aimed at ending what they called excessive speculation and ordered brokers to square their ac-

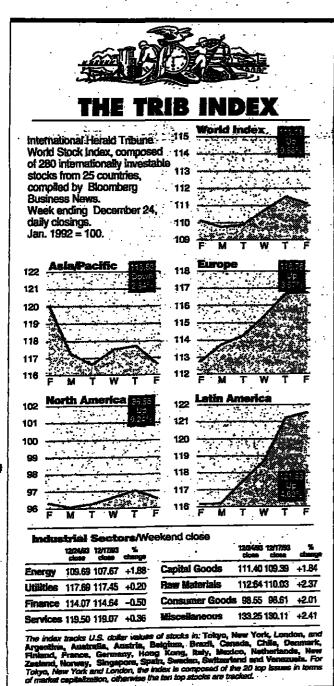
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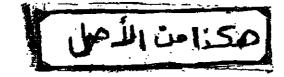
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# U.S. Heads For a Year Of Growth

By John M. Berry

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — The American economy is ending the year on a strong note and appears to have enough momentum that both private and government econor say they expect sustained growth of about 3 percent next year.

Reports of rising incomes, con-sumer spending and orders for dura-

Employment growth also has picked up in recent months. The unemployment rate, at 6.4 percent in November, was down almost a

Despite the accelerating growth and failing unemployment, inflation has not shown signs of becoming a problem. Encouraged by that, Federal Reserve Board officials have seen no need to raise short-term interest rates from their lowest levels in decades.

There were hints in data released Thursday that consumers, while increasing spending substantially, were still not buying as vigorously as some analysts had predicted.

be rising at a 3.5 percent to 4.0 percent annual rate this quarter, ompared with 4.4 percent in the July-September period, when the economy grew at 2.9 percent a year.

struction would take up the slack.

rate in the fourth quarter." after inflation, said Bruce Steinberg. manager of macroeconomic analysis for Merrill Lynch & Co. A growing orders backlog means the "momen tum will carry into 1994," he said.

# GERMANY: Recovery Remains Elusive Three Years After Berlin Wall

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forces too complex for them to understand. The anger is directed not so much against outsiders as against Chancellor Helmut Kohl. When hard times fell after the post-unification boom, he told voters that he was wrong in 1990 when he promised that no one would be worse off after the country came together. Now he has been telling Germans to tighten their belts and get used to lower wages and fewer welfare benefits if they want to keep jobs in Germany instead of losing them to more competitive

[Mr. Kohl urged wage restraint and warned of budget cuts and high unemployment in an interview published Sunday, as his finance minister vowed not to increase taxes and called for a public sector wage freeze, Agence France-

Presse reported from Boan.
["I respect wage freedom and I don't get involved in it, but I must say clearly: there must be moderate wage agreements," he said in a newspaper interview.

["We must expect a large number of unem-ployed in 1994," he added, warning that the introduction of a four-day week by Volkswagen

and the mining industry.]
"My advice to Kohl is to start slimming down himself before he starts asking the rest of us to," said Willi Geskes, 45, an electrician at the Thyssen plant. The politicians should set an example of how to cut waste, instead of putting the whole burden on our shoulders."

After 11 years in power in Bonn, Mr. Kohl and his Christian Democrats have sunk to their lowest point in national public-opinion polls since unification. With a string of local, state and regional elections set for next year and a national election coming in October, the chancellor's position seems vulnerable as emphoria is replaced by harsh disillusionment.

In an interview with the daily Die Welt before Christmas, former Chancellor Helmmt Schmidt said he credited Mr. Kohl with "seizing the opportunity instinctively."

But," said Mr. Kohl's predecessor, "I also

believe that the way unification was then carried out was to some extent catastrophically

The brief boom was followed by a recession that was only partly a result of the worldwide economic slowdown that began in the United States much earlier.

In East Germany, unification did not mean the instant prosperity that many expected. In fact, it appears that it will take at least a decade to make fiving standards in the East equal to those in the West.

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Japanese, whatever the cost.

The Japanese price slashing has effectively neutralized the initial U.S. edge. Low prices are now needed, but are not enough, for

U.S. concerns to gain ground. Re-

cently, American computer makers have hatched a slew of marketing

schemes to stir demand, but the

quick rejoinders by lapanese competitors, coupled with their strength in service and distribution,

has kept the future up for grabs.

Mr. Schmidt and others blame the severity of

the loss of economic confidence in Germany on the fact that state, local and federal governments financed the reconstruction of the East's dilapidated infrastructure with budget deficits totaling 7 to 7.5 percent of the gross national product this year, a postwar record, according to the Bundesbank. The independent central bank had to slam the brakes on money-supply growth by raising interest rates, and business

- Noncollable. Fees 0.75%, (Nomura Ins'l.)

growth plummeted. Nationwide, unemployment has now risen to about 10 percent of the labor force. It is hard to tell precisely, because even three years after unification the government keeps separate statistics for East and West.

German labor costs make it difficult to create jobs as fast as they are being lost. Many German companies have moved assembly lines to the Czech Republic because hourly wages and

For years, German industrial workers have been among the best paid in the Western world.

What you see in the faces of young workers and trainees nowadays is

Thomas Kennel, a union official.

with hourly wages nearly double those of American workers.

Workers in France and in Belgium have waged bitter strikes and angry demonstrations in fierce resistance to the notion that their living standards may have to suffer in the short run to assure them of jobs over the longer term. German workers do not like it either, but for the Earlie first time since World War II, they have accept-

ed pay cuts this year to save jobs. In the Ruhr, the traditional Christmas markets dispensed wine, cookies and tree orna-ments in the pedestrian zones of Duisburg and most other cities, but the stores filled with luxury goods began cutting prices in late No-

The Thyssen plant here plans to lay off 10,000 workers over the next year, on top of tens of thousands more it has let go since 1989. Rolf Bulck, 57, said his colleagues would probably be prepared to accept a wage settlement this year that might leave them with a net loss of income after 3.5 to 4 percent inflation. That, he the government parties in Bonn are thinking of

said, was better than no jobs at all. His union of metalworkers began the bar-

U.S. stamp on the Japanese market. Hosokawa outlined a six-point plan

Data Corp. figured.

Tokyo to Spur Economy

of the year, pledged Friday to pass the legislation by Jan. 29, when the

Japan's Prime Minister Monihiro current session of parliament ends

to stimulate the economy and said be had instructed ministers to com-pile details of the package by mid-lanuary, Agence France-Presse re-

Mr. Hosokawa, who said after

assuming power in August that he would step down if he failed to achieve political reform by the end

gaining by asking companies staggering under the impact of recession and cheap imports from Eastern Europe and other low-wage areas for

"What you see in the laces of young workers

In the Ruhr, workers are feeling many of the same economic pressures that shattered the

The sudden transition from a planned economy to a free market based on the Deutsche

for decades, because mining it deep under-ground is uncompetitive against cheaper coal from open pits in Poland or the United States, a fact that does not prevent the German govern-ment from sinking billions in subsidies into it every year to insure supplies to electricity plants and protect the few jobs that are left. The money, the equivalent of about a quarter of all

Even so, coal-mining jobs are steadily disap-

the reductions as painless as possible, reducing employment by about 5,000 people a year by attrition and early retirement. But now, miners face the possibility of joblessness for the first

# Euromarts

**Eurobond Yields** 

#### There is no question, though, that U.S. vendors have brought Last Week's Markets standards — and a fair bit of chaos All Sources are as of class of treating Pricer

sales, makes half the PCs sold in Japan, and its roughly 1.2 million PCs sold this year will overwhelm the estimated 210,000 IBMs and 35,000 Compaqs, International Data Corp. figured.

COMPUTER: U.S. Firms Gain Ground in Japan

Now a sole Japanese giant, NEC, is left touting a proprietary design, and here the battle lines are drawn.

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# Bond Market Refuses to Give Ground

ble goods last week bolstered estimates the economy was growing at an annual rate of about 4.5 percent in the final three months of 1993.

percentage point from a year ago.

Consumer spending appears to

But this was offset by reports indicating business spending for equipment and rising housing con-

Capital-goods spending "could easily be up at a 25 percent annual

wage increases over the next year of 5.5 percent, plus unspecified "job security measures." Few, including Mr. Bulck, expect to get it.

and trainees nowadays is fear," said Thomas Kennel, a union official. "People are afraid of losing jobs.

Communist industrial economy in the East.

mark made many overstatled enterprises and factories in the East bankrupt overnight. In the West, the advent of increased competition has suddenly made generous German fringe benefits, wage levels and vacation entitlements un-

Coal from the Ruhr has also been in decline German government expenditure on research and technology, is raised by a special 7.5 percent tax on electricity bills that will rise to 8.5 percent next year.

pearing. Ten years ago, there were more than 130,000 coal miners in the Ruhr, more than there are in all of West Germany now Today fewer than 90,000 still earn their living under-

Farlier, coal mines and labor unions made time in Germany's postwar history.

To avoid it, a major miners' union and mine owners agreed on a four-day week for the coming year that would reduce miners' takehome pay by about 10 percent.

But few officials see the shorter work week as anything but a temporary solution to a long-term problem. Coal mining will never be profitable here without government subsidies, and cutting them back after the year 2000, a step that would mean layoffs for thousands.

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NEW YORK — Although many investors say the U.S. economy will expand in coming months, there is little evidence that bond traders

U.S. CREDIT MARKETS foresee a significant rise in interest

rates accompanying the gains. Treasury bond prices rose last week, despite indications of economic expansion. The yield on the 30-year Treasury bond ended Thursday at 6.21 percent, down from 6.28 percent a week earlier, as the issue's price gained 28/32 point, to 100 15/32. The market was closed Friday for the Christ-

Although the 30-year issue s yield is above the lows of about 5.79 percent hit in mid-October, it is well below the 7.32 percent at which those securities began the year.

At the short-term end of the market, two-year Treasury notes slipped 3/32, to 100 3/32. Their vield was unchanged at 4.18 percent. The gap between two-year and 30-year basis points from 210, a sign that pansion of the U.S. economy. fears of inflation are abating.

November, reported Thursday, year and five-year notes last week.

The gain exceeded forecasts of 1.5

The Treasury sold the two-year way to describe activity, said Jack percent and was part of a series of notes at a yield of 4.28 percent, a McIntyre, senior fixed-income ana-

#### Fed Held Line in November

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche WASHINGTON - The Federal Open Market Committee voted unanimously in November to hold interest rates steady, according to

the newly released minutes of the meeting. The committee, the policy-making panel of the Federal Reserve System, voted Nov. 16 to continue a neutral monetary policy, not biased toward easing or tightening credit, reflecting the view that economic growth was continuing at a moderate pace with no signs of an increase in inflationary pressures.

The minutes did show, however, that the committee noted some signs of inflation and that several members appeared to envisage an eventual increase in interest rates.

The report said that committee members "recognized the desirability of taking early action" to "arrest incipient inflationary pressures before they gathered strength." But it said that "current measures of inflation from around the nation" did not "on the whole" suggest an intensification of price pressures now

The committee adopted its current neutral stance in August backing away from a bias toward tightening interest rates that it held since May. The minutes of the November meeting were released late Thursday, in keeping with the central bank's policy of disclosing details of its meetings several weeks later. (AFX, Kmght-Ridder)

yields, therefore, narrowed to 203 recent indicators pointing to an ex- little higher than many participants had expected. Yields at the five-

Analysts said the main reason year auction were 5.129 percent. Investors looked past a rise of 2.0 for the rise in bond prices was down from 5.20 percent at the pre-percent in durable goods orders for strong bidding at auctions of two-vious sale on Nov. 23.

CS First Boston, agreed. He said the rise in durable goods orders, along with data on personal income and spending, indicated the economy would retain much of its momentum into 1994.

Thomson Financial Services.

Traders reacted positively to

the five-year auction, which showed good demand. This ignited a wave of short-covering in bonds

that seemed to build on itself as

prices traded through several key

of bonds. Roger Marshall, president of Riggs Investment Manage-

ment Corp., is not buying any. He said he sold \$17 million in 30-year

"The economy is obviously do-

ing pretty darn good," Mr. Marshall, who manages a \$2 billion portfolio, said. "I don't think this

rally is going to hold. I still think

the bond hits 6.5 percent before it

Darwin Beck, an economist at

Yet many professionals are wary

technical levels."

bonds last week.

hits 6 percent.

CS First Boston forecast the economy would grow at an annual rate of 4.5 percent in this quarter, the fastest since 5.7 percent in the 1992 fourth quarter. In the first

#### The Week Ahead: World Economic Calendar, Dec. 27 - Dec. 31

A schedule of this week's economic and nts, compiled for the international Herald Tricune by Stoomberg Bus-

Asla-Pacific

• Dec. 27 Tokyo November industrial production. Forecast 2.2 percent rise on month, 5.5 percent ovop on year Also.

November housing starts and construcbon orders.
Hong Kong Public Holiday to mark-Christmas holiday. All markets, banks, government offices closed. Sydney Public holiday in Australia. All financial markets, banks and most bus-

nesses clased. Wellington Public hobday in New Zea-land. All financial markets, banks and

most businesses closed.

• Dec. 28 Tokyo November unemployment rate. Forecast 2.8 percent Tokyo December consumer price index. Forecast: Up 1.1 percent. Tokyo November current account bal-

Tolgro November current account bal-ance. Forecast: Surplus at \$8.8 billion, a decime of 14.3 percent. Hong Kong Chancellor of the Exche-quer Kenneth Clarke of Britain visits Hong Kong as head of a delegation of British business leaders in the hipancial sector. Sydney Public hotiday in Australia. All financial markets, banks and most bus-nesses closed.

Wetlington Public holiday in New Zea-land. All financial markets, banks and most businesses closed. Dec. 29 Tokyo Ali government of-fices closed for New Year's holidays, through Jan 3.
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Earnings expected Golden Power.

e Expected this week Frankful November import prices. Forecast: Up 0.9 percent in month, down 1.0 percent in

eleinki October gross domestic prod-Madrid November trade balance: Fore-

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**Americas** 

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Canada All Canadian stock exchanges, bond and money markers, government offices, and businesses will be closed for

• Dec. 28 Washington December consumer confidence. Forecast Increase

to 72.6 percent.

Caraces President-elect Ratael Calders expected to explain statements he is alleged to have made last weekend that he would appeal Venezuela's foreign debt before the International Court in The

Hague. Canada Canadian banks will be closed tor a holiday.

Austin, Texas Public Utility Commission of Texas considers approval of proposed \$2.3 billion merger of Entergy Corp. and Gulf States Utilities Co.

Unden, New Jersey State Hazardous Waste Facilities Siting Commission votes on GAF Corp proposal to build incinera-

g indicators. I**ngton** National Association of ses existing home sales for November. Forecast: 1.3 percent in-

camber: Outlook: 37.5 percent for the Wilmington, Del. Columbia Gas System Inc. bankruptcy court hearing on a vanety of matters in the company's Chapter 11

• Dec. 30 Washington Impal weekly state unemployment compensation insur-ance claims. Also: November new home sales, December agriculture prices. Sao Paulo Last day of year for trading on Brazil's stock exchanges.

Caracas State of company Petroleos de Venezuela to hold its annual sharehold-

ers' assembly. Outlook: Shareholders are expected to approve PDVSA budget to

1994, and company a expected to pre-sent its end-of-year figures.

New York: Deadline tor Alexander's Inc., the department store operator turned real estate company, to make a final payment of \$28 million to unsecured creditors. Outlook: The company has said it did not expect to make the payment.

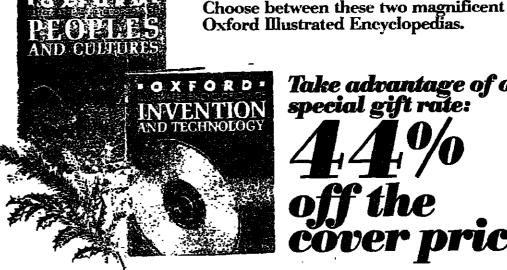
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ration of a 30-day grace pened for payment of interest on \$9 million in high-interest bonds. terest bonds. Dec. 31 Washington New Year's Brasilia Last day for Congress to ap prove budget agenda. Outlook. Govern-ment may decree certain Hems on budget.



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#### Amsterdam

Stocks extended their rally last week, the CBS all share index closing at 278.60 points, a record, up from 272.6 points at the previous

week's close. Apart from the financial sector, the market moved broadly higher. Relatively high gains were achieved by publishers. Elsevier was up more than 8 percent at 180.90 guilders, VNU added almost 7 percent to close at 170.00.

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The DAX spot trend indicator ended on Thursday at a record 2.222.89 points, up 3.34 percent from the previous Friday close.

Traders said the market had been expecting a rise beyond the 2,200-point mark, which finally came on Thursday, thanks to a throng of German and foreign investors beefing up their portfolios before the end of the year.

The Frankfurt market has advanced by almost 40 percent for 1993 as a whole, and investors expect another good rise in 1994.

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#### Hong Kong

The Hang Seng index leaped 4.5 percent last week, rising 470.98 points, to at a record 11.039.84 on

Friday. Average daily turnover amounted to 8.379 billion Hong Kong dol-lars . down from the previous week's 11.600 billion Hong Kong dollars.

#### London

of 3,412.3 points, after touching an all-time high of 3,412.4 points in earlier trading.

Dealers pushed shares higher, with the index boosted by confident remarks by Prime Minister John Major, hopes for a good start to 1994 and continuing hopes for a cut in interest rates in the new year.

Adoption of an auterity budget for 1994 boosted Milan shares last week in a week cut to four days by

The Mibtel index gained 113 points, or 1.8 percent, to finish the week at 10,719.

Fiat gained 0.90 percent, Generali was 0.53 percent stronger, Olivetti added 1.77 percent and Pirelli was up 1.84 percent.

The CAC-40 index gained 2.5 percent on the week to finish at a record high of 2.251.48 points, boosted by signs of slowing inflachange T-SE index rose by 75.2 tion in Germany, which encourpoints last week, to a record close
of 2.411.2 research to a record close tary policy from the Bundesbank early next year.

Shares were also lifted by a 0.7 percent fall in industrial production and a 1.4 percent fall in manufacturing output for October.

#### Singapore

The blue-chip Straits Times Industrials index climbed 46.52 oints, to close the week at a record 2,326.78 points. The broader-based SES All-Singapore index climbed 8.44 points, to 610.06 points.

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stock broking houses to restrict speculative buying and the dip in the Tokyo market dampened market nts early in the week, dealers

#### Tokyo

Prices lost ground last week, with investors concerned about political instability amid rumors of a disolution of parliament and fresh elections in January.

The Nikkei Stock Average of 225selected issues in the major first section fell 910.8 points, or 5.3 percent, to 17,141.11 points after rising 794.48 points the previous week.

#### Zurich The Swiss Performance Index

Singapore

closed at 1,868.47, up 51.49 points from the previous week. The market was led higher buoyant trading in financial futures as investors banked on a significant upturn in Swiss company earnings in 1994 and a Europewide round of interest rate cuts.

Banks are expected to benefit 44 points, to 610.06 points.

Trading curbs imposed by a few led the way higher.

# 400 Firms **Under Thai** Tax Scrutiny

#### Compiled by Our Stoff From Dispatches BANGKOK - Police are inves

tigating more than 400 companies on suspicion of using a tax-fraud "service" that cost the government \$800,000 in revenue, a newspaper reported Sunday. An officer Pipop na Ranong

said the investigation followed the arrests Friday of three people who allegedly were offering to falsify data on tax forms for a fee, the newspaper The Nation reported. About 400 companies had used the service over the last two years, the officer said. The police said the

least 20 million baht (\$800,000) in value-added taxes. investigators said they believed government Revenue Department officials may have collaborated with the three suspects.

swindle had cost the government at

If convicted of fraud, the three could face as much as seven years in prison and 200,000 baht in lines. Separately, Thailand's top investigator of economic crimes said stock manipulation, false financial reports and other white-collar crime drained an estimated 40 billion baht from the economy this year.

The Bangkok Post on Saturday quoted the commander of the police department's economic crime investigation division, Vathin Khamsongsri, as saying more than 30 alleged manipulators had been arrested this year in an effort to end

corruption on the Stock Exchange. Share-price manipulation and falsification of financial reports cost the Thai stock market 33.5 billion baht between Oct. 1, 1992, and Dec. 15, 1993, Mr. Vathin was

# SHORT COVER

# Kobe Steel to Cut 15% of Workers

TOKYO (Bloomberg) — Kobe Steel Ltd. will reduce its work force by 3,000, or 15 percent, by March 1996 to cope with the slump in demand for steel, the newspaper Nihon Keizai reported Saturday.

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Kobe earlier planned to cut only 1,900 of its 20,200 jobs, the report said. It did not say how the cuts would be carried out. Japanese companies typically trim staff via attrition and transfers to affiliated companies.

## Isuzu Forecasts Current-Year Profit

TOKYO - Isuzu Motors Ltd.'s pretax loss narrowed 57 percent, to 10.2 billion yen (\$92.2 million), in the year ended in October, and the truck maker forecast a return to profit in the current year.

Isuzu, an affiliate of General Motors Corp. of the United States, on Friday predicted pretax profit of 1 billion yen for the current year, despite expecting an 8 billion yen loss in the first half, ending in April.

# America West Says It Has New Offer

PHOENIX, Arizona (Combined Dispatches) — America West Air-lines said it had received a preliminary offer from the Steinhardt Group, a New York-based investment fund, to invest as much as \$250 million in the airline in return for an equity stake of as much as 80 percent.

America West Chairman W.A. Franke said the offer was a vote of confidence in the company's reorganization plan. A separate offer of a \$150 million injection was withdrawn earlier in the week. The company is operating under bankruptcy-court protection.

(AP, Knight-Ridder)

# JWP Says Involuntary Petition Filed

RYE BROOK, New York (Bloomberg) — JWP Inc. said an involuntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition had been filed against it by three holders of its 7.75 percent convertible subordinated debentures. The filing, announced Thursday, comes more than two months after the electrical and mechanical services contractor said it planned to file by year-end a petition under Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code to restructure and ture almost \$500 million of debt.

JWP said it intended to convert the filing to a voluntary process and expected to complete its bankruptcy-law proceedings by March 31.

#### For the Record

Japan said it would suspend a project with Boeing Co. to develop a new passenger aircraft because there appeared to be little demand for the (AP)

Australian Mutual Provident Society, Australia's biggest life insurer, said it would expand operations in Asia through a joint venture with Panin Life Insurance Co. of Indonesia. (Renters) Istitute Mobiliare Italiano's share offering will open Jan. 31, company not said when it planned to do so.

# Daimler Set For Listing

Compiled by Our Staff From Disposess BONN - Daimler-Benz AG Germany's largest automaker, will become the first foreign company to list shares on the Shanghai stock exchange, a Daimler executive said in an interview published Sunday. Daimler's chief financial officer, Gerhardt Liener, told the German newspaper Welt am Sonntag that China had agreed to alter its regulations to allow Daimler's shares to trade "according to the usual inter-

He said the listing was expected to occur in the second half of 1994. The Dannier shares would be traded in the form of depository receipts. The automotive, aerospace and electrical engineering conglomer-ate also plans to list its shares in Singapore, Mr. Liener said. Dannier-Benz this month posted

a loss of 2.05 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.21 billion) for the first nine months of 1993. It also has annonneed plans to cut tens of thou-sands of jobs to assist its turnaround and has said it could not guarantee it would maintain its dividend for 1993 at the previous year's level.

Mr. Liener said the move to the Shanghai bourse had become possible because China was doing away with what he called extremely restrictive securities regulations.
He said the most important regu-

latory change concerned capital transfers in convertible currency. The newspaper gave no further de-tails, and Dannier-Benz executives were not available for comment. Daimler executives had said pro

nture with viously that the company planned (Renters) to list shares in Shanghai but had · (Bloomberg, UPI, Reuters)

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# Russian Gangs Threaten Families to Extort Cash From NHL Players

By Joe Lapointe

New York Times Service NEW YORK —National Hockey League players with ties to the former Soviet Union are being pressured by Russian gangaters running protection rackets to pay money to guarantee the safety of their families, according to several

Mike Smith, the general manager of the Winnipeg. Jets, has said he knows of at least one player drafted by his team who was "roughed up" in Russia by mea who he believes to be members of organized crime

Smith, one of the NHL's experts on Russian hockey affairs, said that. "it's a large problem" and that many Russian players want to move their families to North America to keep them from being harmed or threatened with harm in their homeland.

"It affects any Russian citizen who goes to the West and has hard currency," Smith said. "That's how the hockey players get tied in. People know they have money. There have been NHL players who have been roughed up. One of our drafted players in junior hockey was roughed up and he's not the only one. I've talked to a number of

police agencies about it. "Our Russian players here in-Winnipeg now want to make their homes here. They don't want to go home except for short visits."

Asked to name the players who have been victims of violence or threats, Smith declined. He, along with several other people inter-viewed for this article, expressed concern for the well-being of the

per, said Vyachesiay Fetisov of the New Jersey Devils had paid money to gangsters to insure the safety of his family. Fetisov's agent said that he knew of no such payments but that he had heard of other players who have been threatened.

Don Maloney, the general man-ager of the New York Islanders, said that reports of the intimidation of Russian players had been circulating for months among general managers and that the sametion had been formally discussed at

league meetings.
"We're well aware of it," Maioney said. "A lot of teams have had problems, There have been problems with players in Los Angoles, Vancouver and Boston. Things are bad over in Russia. People try

ily members. Players have been harassed and bothered. There have been threats and demands for payment, the whole works, the Russ Mafia. Everybody is aware of it. It is not a good situation."

Maloney said he spoke to two Islanders from the former Soviet Union, Darius Kasparaius and Vladimir Malakhov, about the problem and they told him they hadn't been bothered. But Maloney added that he was concerned that players would be reluctant to report such threats, even to team anthorities: Other general managers interviewed expressed the same

Kasparaitis, a defenseman, said he heard rumors of protection rackets last summer when he visited Moscow. Kasparaitis, who is from Lithuania, said he wasn't worried about being harmed or about pay-

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Watch out for the Mafia, and that they will say, 'You make all this money now. Give us some." Asked why he isn't worried, Ka-sparaitis said, "I know a couple of guys myself who are gangsters and

they said 'Don't worry about it.'"

Mark Gandler, the New Jerseybased agent for Kasparaitis, said that he didn't believe the stories and that reporting them will only "give people ideas," Gandler represents "about 25" players from the former Soviet Union who are now working in the league. This is a dangerous topic," he said. "It's very irresponsible. It will make

families worry."
But Vladimir Zlobinsky, the agent for Fetisov, said, "It's some-thing that is generally known. I'm sure it is happening to people who

victim, Zlobinsky said: "I am not aware of any specific incident with Fetisov, but I know it is a general problem." Asked to name specific players who have been targets, he said: "It's hearsay, and I'd rather

Another prominent agent, who spoke on condition that he not be named, said he had heard that the brother of a player was beaten in Russia and the player was told to pay one gang to protect his family from another gang.

An NHL executive who spoke on

the condition that he not be named Los Angeles Police Department is known to be investigating at least one suspected case of intimidation. one suspected case of intimidation. Nick Beverley, the Kings' general spokesman in the NHL office all manager, indicated Friday the

"I heard that the Mafia wants \$10,000 to protect your family," there." said that the league is aware of the article in the Montreal newspaper. Kasparaitis said. "People say to Master out for the said of the said of the said of the said. "I don't know to outside, guns. You know, outside, guns.

• Helene Elliott and Lisa Dilimar. of the Los Angeles Times reported: The Vancouver Province newspaper has quoted city police sources as saying Canuck winger Pavel Bure has been a target of organized crime groups and has made two payments to a man who had befriended Russian players. Bure's father, Vladimir, and the Canucks' general manager, Pat Quinn, denied any money nad

The Province also cited an unsaid the league security office is confirmed report that defenseman aware of the situation and that the Alexei Zhiunik of the Los Angeles Kings had been physically harmed by gang members.

changed hands.

transpired because it involves the afraid." authorities. There are elements I

he says he was not roughed up." Without specifically addressing the issue of extortion, forward Vitali Karamnov of the St. Louis Blues acknowledged that he fears

"When I was in Russia this summer, I don't have problem," he said. "I am afraid because lots of businessmen ... Why, because 1 have money. And in Russia there the Masia will want to cash in." are lots of criminals now.

Maybe, I don't know. Every day in give extortionists expensive gifts to world figures.

"There are things I can't talk parents and my parents tell me: family. about." he said. "I don't know to outside, guns. You know, not good. "If I outside, guns. You know, not good. what degree I can say what has I don't have problem now. But I am

Fifty-two players from Russia. can't talk about. What I can say, is two from Latvia, one from Lithuania and four from Ukraine have played at least two games in the NHL this season. Their salaries, while generally below the \$520,000 league-wide average of a month the burgeoning criminal element in ago, would exceed those of most of Russia, where bard currency — their compatriots and make them particularly the dollar - is highly potential targets for extortion or

> A prominent player told friends recently he had been approached by gangsters before leaving his homeland and that "if I go back.

"Maybe this summer I stay here. in the then-Soviet Union, he had to supposedly controlled by under-

"If I promised them a radio, now it's a stereo system," he said. The player would not permit his

name to be used in published reports, for fear of retaliation. Ron Salcer, an agent who represents Bure and Zhitnik, refused to confirm or deny whether his clients or their families had been victim-

"I don't feel comfortable commenting on it." Salcer said. "It's not a topic I'd like to discuss. There's a lot of problems there -

One general manager said that, because of potential danger, scouts for NHL clubs are now leary of He also said that when he played with Russian leagues, which are

# All-Star Team Set for East

TORONTO - Montreal goaltender Patrick Roy will make his fifth straight start and Boston defenseman Ray Bourque his 13th ap-pearance in the NHL All-Star Game.

Bourque was the leading votegetter for the Eastern Conference for the third time, while Philadelphia's Eric Lindros beat out Pitts-burgh's Mario Lemieux, who has an injured back, as the starting cen-

players.

A report in Thursday's editions of La Presse, a Montreal newspaper, said Vyacheslay Fetisov of the New York Rangers the other starting defensemen for the East.

Bourque, who received 227,601 votes, has been chosen to a starting position in all eight All-Star games since fan balloting began in 1986. Lindros collected 132,622 votes in beating Lemieux (120,675) and carning his first starting position in

the Jan. 22 game at Madison Square Garden. Roy received 213,452 votes, Leetch 176,129, Jagr 209,147 and Mogilny 186,800. Leetch will be playing in the fourth All-Star game of his career. Jagr will be making his third All-Star appearance, all as a starter, and Mogilny also will be playing in his third game and first as a starter.

The Western Conference team

will be amounced Monday.



Claude Lemieux, who got an up-close and unpleasant look at Drake Bereshowsky, scored two power-play goals as the New Jersey Devils beat the struggling Toronto Maple Leafs, 3-2. Vyacheslav Fetisov of the Devils reportedly has paid money to gangsters to insure the safety of his family.

# Drug Testers Pay a Surprise Visit To China's Top Women Runners

BEIJING - The Chinese women distance runners who surprised the track world with record-breaking times earlier this year have themselves been surprised by being given unannounced drug tests.

A team sent by track's governing body, the International Amateur Athletic Federation, flew into northern Liaoning Province last week to administer the tests to the women runners, including Wang Junxia, who set the world record for the 10,000 meters and 3,000

The official Xinhua news agency, which reported the visit, did not tested positive for use of perforgive the results of the tests.

But none of the women distance runners who repeatedly shattered world records was on a list of drug users issued by the Chinese Olympic Anti-Drug Committee.

The women's performances dur- hua. Xinhua said. ing the year led to suspicion they used performance-enhancing drugs, a claim heatedly denied by the runners and their coach.

weightlifting world record holder,

Among the athletes who tested positive during the year were Xing Fen, the weightlifter who won a gold medal at the 1990 Asian Games, and shotputter Zhou Tian-

"As soon as we discovered our athletes taking illegal performanceenhancing drugs, we would punish them strictly." Yang Tianle, Xinhua did report that 24 ath- spokesman for the anti-drug com-

# ATP Refutes Becker: A 'Clean Slate'

German newspaper quoting Boris among amateur and professional Becker as saying that some players on the ATP Tour were getting away with drug use drew a quick and negative response from a top tour

The report, published in Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, quoted the three-time Wimbledon champion from Germany as saying that it was a "joke" that no tennis player had been punished for drug abuse

by the ATP.

sports bodies around the world," a clean slate."

The ATP said it tested at nine insisted he had not taken drugs.

"Why shouldn't there be doping events this year and that, overall. 431 tests were conducted on 231 players. The ATP said that 19 of the top 20 men's singles players cle. were tested. 17 more than once.

Among singles players ranked No. 21 to No. 100, 68 were tested, 46 more than once, the ATP said.

The Associated Press mitment to maintaining an anti-Among doubles players, 19 of the FRANKFURT — A story in a doping program second to none top 20 were tested, 18 more than

Becker was quoted as saying that said Mark Miles, chief executive of the tennis season was so long and the ATP Tour. "We believe we have grueling that many players needed drugs to get through it, although he

in a sport where there is so much money?" Becker asked in the arti-

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# Phoenix Jolts Houston, 111-91

The Associated Press On a day when giving was the norm, the Phoenix Suns did the taking.

Kevin Johnson, who had 36 points and nine rebounds, said the real Suns showed up in a 111-91 Christmas Day victory over the visiting Houston Rockets, who had tied a National Basketball Association record with a 22-1 start before losing two straight.

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf had scored 24 points and Reggie Williams 23 as the Denver Nuggets won, 106-93, on Thursday night to end their nine-game road losing streak and keep the Rockets from matching the 1969-70 New York Knicks' best-ever one-loss start in NBA history. That loss was the first in 11 home games this season for

Phoenix had beaten Seattle and then the Rockets after losing by 26 points at Denver on Tuesday.

"The trademark of our team has always been that if we play poorly or underachieve, we come back and play well," Johnson said.

The Suns' aggressive defense stopped Houston's perimeter game, and Phoenix neutralized its height disadvantage by outre-

bounding the Rockets, 53-35. Charles Barkley tied his season high with 38 points and had 18 rebounds, and A.C. Green collected 14 rebounds. He also scored seven of his 17 points in the final

Hakeem Olajuwon had 27 points
and 13 rebounds for the Rockets,

Doctors said he may be able to return
recovers from knee surgery as expected.

without a point early in the fourth quarter and Olajuwon led a 12-0

The dominating center started the run with a basket and finished

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it with a three-point play, shaving the deficit to 88-82 with 7:10 to go. But Barkley snapped his team out of its funk with an offensive rebound. Although he missed the layup, Barkley was fouled and made two free throws, and the Suns went on a 7-0 run to open breathing

Bulls 95, Magic 93: To make the me-winning shot, Toni Kukoc had to come up with a nifty impersonation of Scottie Pippen. But it was Pippen's even-niftier impersonation of Michael Jordan that enabled Chicago, playing at home, to slip past Orlando and extend the

six assists and four steals. Even more than his all-court game, it was Pippen's on-court leadership that revived memories of the just-re-tired Jordan and the Bulls' past Christmas glories. The Bulls have now won on the holiday four years

unning.

The victory, secured when the Magic's Nick Anderson failed to get off a shot before the buzzer, was made possible when Kukoc slashed through the lane and threw down a running left-hander that broke a 12-23 to with two accords remain. 93-93 tie with two seconds remaining. But it was Pippen who almost single-handedly assured the win -the Bulls 13th in their last 14

■ Mays Avoid Setting Mark The New York-Atlanta and Denver-Houston games were featured bouts, while the game between NBA doormats Dallas and Minnesota was like matching a pair

# Hurley Leaves Hospital for Christmas

The Associated Press SACRAMENTO, California — Smiling faintly, a weakened, wheel-chair-bound Bobby Hurley left University Medical Center on Friday

nearly two weeks after his near-fatal automobile crash.

The 22-year-old point guard, a former two-time All-American at Duke and the Sacramento Kings' No. 1 draft pick, said one word as he left, softly answering "fine" to a reporter who asked how he felt.

Doctors said he may be able to return to the court next year, if he

and Robert Horry scored 20 points.

Barkley scored 13 points in the third period, helping the Suns to an 84-68 lead. But the Suns went 4:45

NBA's longest current winning of aging tankers on the undercard.

But, as far as the record book is concerned, the Mavericks' 93-89 victory over the Timberwolves on Thursday night was perhaps the most significant event on a busy schedule

The triumph at Minnesota's Target Center snapped the Mavericks' NBA record-tying 20-game losing streak and raised their season record to 2-23, with the only other

Jamai Mashburn said with a laugh. "But we can't play them every night."
The Mavericks avoided breaking

the single-season record they share with the Philadelphia 76ers, who lost 20 straight in 1972-73. Teams come in here and they feel they can win," said Minnesota's coach, Sidney Lowe, who ripped his players for being "un-coachable."

Earlier, the Knicks, behind the fourth-quarter shooting of Patrick Ewing and Hubert Davis, survived an eight-point third period and snapped the Hawks' seven-game road winning streak, 84-75. Ewing and Davis scored 11

points each during a 23-6 run that turned the game around. Ewing had 16 of his 28 points on 6-for-7 shooting in the fourth quarter after New York totaled just 26 points in the middle two periods.



Toni Kukoc, wrapping up Orlando's Aufernee Hardaway, made the winning shot for the Bulls. upset by Tulsa (4-2).

# Kentucky Nips Arizona

LAHAINA Hawaii - Jeff Brassow's tip-in at the buzzer capped one of the wildest December games ever as No. 5 Kentucky beat No. 13 Arizona, 93-92. to win the Mani Invitational

Khalid Reeves had given Arizona (8-1) a 92-91 lead with two free throws with 5.5 seconds to play Thursday night. He had that chance only after television replays had to be used to determine that the ball belonged to Arizona after a 35second shot clock violation by Kentucky with 9.6 seconds remaining.

Kentucky (7-1); out of timeouts, worked the ball downcount quickly and Rodrick Rhodes took a 3-pointer from the right side with just over a second remaining. It bounced off the rim and Brassow tapped it in from the left side. setting off a celebration that looked like an NCAA tournament night in March. Neither team led by more than three points in the final eight minutes.

Travis Ford had 25 points for Kentucky, making seven 3-pointers, and was named tournament MVP.

Reeves finished with 31 points and made all four I pointers he took in the second half in scoring 26 points after halftime, His backcourt mate. Damon Stondamire, had 28 points, 21 in the first half when he made four 3-pointers.

No. 1 Arkaneas 93, Tulsa 91: In the only other major college game played over the Christmas holiday, Corliss Wilhismson hit a jump hook from the base-line with 3 seconds left in overtime as

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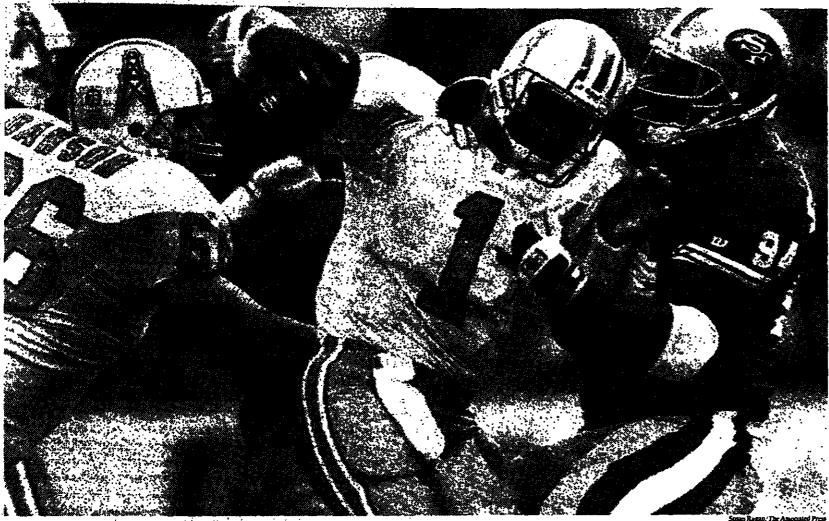


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# Packers Overwhelm Raiders to Gain First Playoff Berth Since 1982



Houston quarterback Warren Moon being wrestled to a standstill by San Francisco's Dana Stubblefield during an error-filled game that the Oilers held on to win, 10-7.

The Green Bay Packers returned to the NFC playoffs for the first time in 11 years with a numbing victory Sunday on another icy December afternoon at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Green Bay shut out the Los Angeles Raiders, 28-0, a win that coupled with Philadelphia's victory over New Orleans earned the Packers their first playoff berth since the strike-shortened 1982 season and first in a nonstrike year since 1972. The Packers (9-6), now assured

of a wild-card berth, can win their first NFC Central title since 1972 by beating the Lions next Sunday. Green Bay has put together back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1966-67 when it won the first two Super Bowls.

Green Bay's Sterling Sharpe made some history of his own Sunday, becoming the first NFL receiver to have two 100-catch seasons when he grabbed a 26-yard pass from Brett Favre in the first QUARTER.

Sharpe, who set an NFL record with 108 catches last season, caught seven Sunday, including a 23-yarder from Favre to give the Packers a 14-0 lead in the third quarter. He now has 106 receptions this

The Raiders (9-6), who lost quarterback Jeff Hostetler to a concussion in the third quarter, can still make the playoffs but will need to beat Denver next week to do so. Los Angeles quarterbacks were sacked eight times Sunday.

Players had trouble with the footing and catching the football. and fans, accustomed to the cold.

winter wear. There were 5,025 no-shows.

after eight snaps.

Kramer had a 20-yard TD pass

The Packers finally cracked through the sub-zero wind chill at the end of the first half for a 7-0 lead on Edgar Bennett's 1-yard scoring run with 1:01 to go.
Lions 20, Bears 14: In Chicago.

Detroit rode the passing and run-

ning of backups Erik Kramer and NFL ROUNDUP

Eric Lynch to make it into the playoffs and end the Bears' chances for a playoff berth. Kramer, who completed 23 of 31

passes for 223 yards and two touchdowns, hit on 6-of-6 for 47 yards in the Lions' winning TD drive after the Bears had taken a 14-13 fourthquarter lead.

The Lions (9-6) clinched at least a wild card spot when Philadelphia defeated New Orleans 37-26. Detroit can win the NFC's Central Division by closing out the season with a victory over Green Bay next week at home. They had won just one of their previous nine against the Bears (7-8) in Soldier Field.

The Bears took the lead with 10:21 remaining on a 1-yard dive by Jim Harbaugh, who completed 14-of-23 for 107 yards in the game. But Kramer drove the Lions 80

yards in 12 plays for the winning TD. The Lions had only one thirddown situation during the drive and Lynch, a rookie from Grand Valley State, picked up 6 yards on that play.

Kramer's I-vard (lip to rookie tight end Ty Hallock gave Detroit the lead with 3:04 remaining and

deal with tackle Jim Lachey and a

ceiver Ricky Sanders. No terms

(\$1.2 million over two years), line-

backer Terry Wooden and fullback

Tracy Johnson (both \$3 million

over three years) agreed to new

contracts with Seattle, while kicker

Chris Jacke agreed to a three-year

extension with the Green Bay

kicker Jeff Jaeger agreed to three-year extensions with the Los Ange-

les Raiders. Cornerback Terry

McDaniel also got a new deal.

Kicker Greg Davis and the Phoe-

nix Cardinals agreed to a three-year deal for \$1.5 million, and lineback-

a two-year deal with the Los Ange-

les Rams and offensive lineman

Carlton Haselrig got \$2.4 million over three years from Pittsburgh.

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Chris Hinton or wide receiver Mi-

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year remaining on his contract, agreed to a three-year extension.

Johnson, in the final year of his

contract, got a two-year extension.

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Atlanta Falcons negotiated con-

Terms were not announced.

Free safety Eddie Anderson and

Free safety Eugene Robinson

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were released.

garb and every combination of to give up the ball at the Detroit 46

to Brett Perriman and Jason Hanson kicked field goals of 40 and 37

yards for the Lions. Bills 16, Jets 14: The plot had two familiar elements: a cold day near the end of the season, and the New York Jets. The ending was the same: a division crown for the Buffalo Bills.

The Bills, who clinched three of their last four AFC East titles by beating the Jets, did it again Sun-

day in Orchard Park, New York. . Steve Christie kicked three field goals to get Buffalo (11-4) into the playoffs for the sixth straight scason. The Bills have won the last three AFC championships, only to lose in the Super Bowl each time.

The loss dropped the Jets to 8-7. Christie, who earlier hit from 38 and 36 yards, hit a 40-yarder with 3:48 left in the game to win it. New York's Cary Blanchard missed all three of his field goal attempts, including a 42-yarder with 53 seconds to play.

Boomer Esiason threw touchdown passes to Johnny Johnson, who had 175 total yards, and Chris Burkett.

Eagles 37, Saints 26: The Philadelphia defense probably was playing together at home for the last time. Mike Buck was starting for the first time in the NFL. It was a bad combination for the New Orleans Saints.

Eric Allen returned two intercep tions for touchdowns, tving an NFL record with four in a season, and Philadelphia's once-dominating defense gave a flashback to what used to be, setting up 26 of the

The Saints, who started the season 5-0, fell to 7-8 and had their playoff hopes seriously damaged. The Eagles, who went from 4-0 to 7-8, also have a mathematical shot at the playoffs.

The Eagles defense already has lost Reggie White to free agency and may soon lose Clyde Simmons and Seth Joyner. But it sacked Buck for a safety and forced a critical fumble to key an 18-point second quarter that railied Philadelphia from a 9-0 deficit.

Bengals 21, Falcons 17: In Cincinnati, David Klingler finished another career day with the biggest touchdown pass of his career.

Klingler threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Carl Pickens - his career-best third of the game — with one minute left to help the Bengals eliminate the Atlanta Falcons from playoff contention.

The Bengals (3-12) drove 70 yards in eight plays for the winning er Darryl Talley and the Buffalo bled 26 yards to get into scoring Bills agreed to a two-year contract. range. Pickens ran a simple turn-Safety Anthony Newman agreed to around pattern in front of cornerback Darnell Walker to get open for Cincinnati's second consecutive

Atlanta (6-9) fell out of contention with consecutive losses to struggling teams - Washington and Cincinnati

tract extensions with linebacker Jessie Tuggle and kicker Norm Johnson, but failed to reach new Patriots 38, Colts 0: New England completed a three-week sweep of the AFC's worst teams, recording their first shutout since 1987 with their defeat of Indianapolis.

It was New England's biggest margin of victory since a 56-3 win over the New York Jets on Sept. 9, 1979. The Patriots (4-11) have won only 13 games in the 1990s, and five have come against the Colts (4-11).

■ In a game played Saturday: Oilers 10, 49ers 7: In San Frantions prior to this season. The Eacisco, a meeting of the two highestscoring teams in the NFL turned into a mistake-prone, low-scoring affair as Houston won its 10th

over three years, guard Ralph end, rejected an \$11 million, four-Tamm \$3.1 million over three year offer. Joyner, a linebacker, Francisco in scoring, got just years, wide receiver Nate Singleton turned down \$10 million for four enough offense to overcome three turnovers and remained in the race for the home-field advantage

throughout the AFC playoffs. The 49ers (10-5) had a 13-game regular season home winning streak end. They already have clinched the NFC West title and a first-round playoff bye.

# Colorado Tops Aikman Gets \$50 Million Contract From Cowboys

# Fresno St. in Aloha Bowl

The Associated Press Rashaan Salaam scored three touchdowns and Colorado recycled four turnovers into 24 points as the 17th-ranked Buffaloes outscored Fresno State, 41-30, in the Aloha

Bowl in Honolulu.

The Colorado onslaught offset a passing display by Fresno State's Trent Dilfer, who was 37-of-63 for 523 yards and two touchdowns Saturday. He was intercepted once, ending a string of 318 passes with-

out being picked off.
Salaam, who rushed for 844 yards in nine games in the regular season, scored on runs of 2, 40 and on 23 carries.

Gray 17, Blue 10: Kelvin Simsons, a late replacement for m-White, completed 16 of 25 passes for 171 yards and the Gray rallied with two fourth-quarter touchdowns less than a minute apart in the Blue-Gray all-star game in Montgomery, Alabama.

Simmons, from Troy State, set a Blue-Gray record by completing seven straight passes on a gametying drive early in the fourth quarter His three-yard scoring toss to Dorsey Levins of Georgia Tech made it 10-10 with 10:23 left.

Tulsa quarterback Gus Frerotte completed a 34-yard pass to Chris Penn to move the Blue to the Gray 49. But on the next play, Washington's Beno Bryant fumbled and Georgia's Greg Tremble scooped it up and ran 52 yards down the left sideline to the Blue 4 to set up a 'ar-yard touchdown run by Mary-lad's Mark Mason.

No. 19 Oklahoma 41. Texas Tech 10: Cale Gundy threw three touchdown passes as No. 19 Okiahoma posted a 41-10 victory over Texas. Tech in the John Hancock Bowl in El Paso, Texas.

Gundy completed 15 of 26 passes for 215 yards to dominate the Red Raiders, Gundy, the most prolific passer in Oklahoma history, set another school record for most passing TDs in a bowl game and was named the bowl's MVP.

By Frank Litsky New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Troy Aikman the Dallas Cowboys' 27-year-old quarterback, has agreed to an eight-year, \$50-million contract that will make him the highest-paid player in professional football history. The contract includes an immediate signing bonus of \$11 mil-

The agreement replaces the last two years of a contract that would have paid Aikman \$1.17 million this season and \$1.37 million next season, salaries that would have left him no higher than the 31st highest paid quarterback in a 28-team

Aikman's new contract calls for ammal salaries of \$2.5 million in 1993, \$1.75 million in 1994, \$4.15 1996, \$5.25 million in 1997, \$6.2 million in 1998, \$6.75 million in 1999 and \$7.5 million in 2000.

The agreement, reached Thursday in a telephone conversation between Jerry Jones, the Cowboys' owner, and Leigh Steinberg, the agent for Aikman, surpasses the \$26.75-million, five-year pact that Steinberg negotiated this year for Steve Young, the San Francisco 49ers' quarterback. Aikman's annual average of \$6.25 million bet-

ters Young's high of \$5.35 million. Thursday was the final day to rework existing contracts and inchide some of the money in a 1993 contract. Next year, for the first time, NFL teams must operate un-

der a salary cap.

For example, \$1.33 of Aikman's \$50 million was added to his 1993 salary and is thus exempt from the cap. The \$11-million signing bonus must be prorated over the course of the contract, so \$1.375 million of that is assigned to 1993 and also exempt from the cap. Aikman's average salary is not

the largest in team sports. Wayne Gretzy makes \$8.5 million yearly for the Los Angeles Kings of the National Hockey League Barry Bonds \$7.29 million for major league baseball's San Francisco Giants, and Larry Johnson \$7 million for the Charlotte Homets of the National Basketball Association. The Cowboys' previous highest-paid player was Emmitt Smith, the



Quarterback Troy Aikman, with Jerry Jones, owner of the Cowboys, became the highest-paid player in professional football history.

years, or \$3.4 million a year. Earlier last week, the Detroit Lions signed running back Barry Sanders for four years at an average of \$4.3 million a year, making him the

highest-paid nonquarterback ever.
"One of the reasons I was willing
to make that kind of commitment," Aikman said, "is that the entire Dallas Cowboys organization has shown that it will do what has to be done to be competitive."

This is the fifth pro season for Aikman, a first-round draft choice from UCLA in 1989. He is a 6-foot, 4-inch, 222-pound pocket passer. In January, he led the Cowboys to a Super Bowl championship and was

"They went hard and long into Wednesday night and Thursday morning," he said. "Jerry Jones

should be the highest-paid player and the Cowboys made it happen. We're just thrilled. It was difficult

worth more than \$50 million. If Aikman ranks among the NFL's top five in quarterback ratings or if he makes the Pro Bowl or if the Cowboys get to the National Conference championship game, a clause goes into effect over the last Press reported. voted the game's most valuable two years of the contract. It assures

running back whose new contract plane, said the negotiations were the league, if that would give him a will pay him \$13.6 million over four amicable but exhausting.

higher salary.
"It's just a way of guarding against changes," Steinberg said. Steinberg said that in the final wanted Troy to stay a Cowboy for days of the on-and-off negotia-the rest of his career. We said he nons, Aikman mailed him a pair of black boots.

"He said they were the western equivalent of Dorothy and her because we were working against a lucky shoes," Steinberg said. "He wouldn't let me take them off. He Actually, the contract may be made me promise I would negotiate with my boots on, and I did."

> On the final day to keep at least some money from counting against the cap, several other contracts were signed, The Associated Dallas also agreed to a three-year

him of being paid the average of the extension with tackle Erik Wil-Steinberg, speaking from a five highest-paid quarterbacks in liams, while the San Francisco

players.
Wide receiver John Taylor got
\$7.74 million for four years, and
tight end Brent Jones \$6.95 million over four years, cornerback Eric Davis signed for \$2.4 million over two years, safety Merton Hanks signed for \$2.8 million for three years, guard Derrick Deese re-ceived \$622,000 over two years, safety Damien Russell \$920,000 \$687,500 over three years and defensive end Karl Wilson \$855,000 over two years. These deals all in-

Running back Johnny Johnson \$5 million, two-year deal with a cornerbacks Mark McMillian and club option for 1996.

Meanwhile, the news was not good for the Philadelphia Eagles, a team aiready hurt by player defecgles failed to re-sign defensive stalwarts Clyde Simmons and Seth

Last week, Simmons, a defensive years. Both are eligible for free The Eagles were successful in

signing wide receiver Calvin Williams, center Dave Alexander, runand the New York Jets agreed to a ning back Herschel Walker and

# SIDELINES

#### Times of World Cup Matches Changed ZURICH (AP) — After consultations with television networks, FIFA has changed the starting times for three first-round matches in the 1994

World Cup.

The June 23 match between Italy and Norway at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey, was moved to 2000 GMT from 2300, and the match between Bolivia and South Korea at Foxboro Stadium, near outon, was moved to 2330 from 2000.

The Iune 25 match between Sandi Arabia and Morocco at Giants Stadium was moved to 1630 from 2300. Colombia World Cup player Carlos Munoz was killed Saturday night in anno accident near Guzyaquil, police said.

(AFP)

Cuba Says No to Playing in Japan

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The world's greatest impaid baseball players apparently aren't yet ready to start playing for pay.

Cuba's commissioner of baseball, Domingo Zabala, according to the government. Freasa Latina news agency, said that "for the moment, there are no possibilities or plans" for two Cubans to play in the Japanese cargoes next wear.

leagues next year.

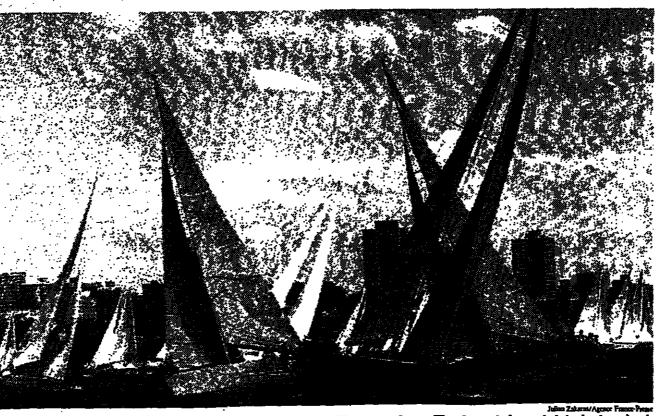
• Leany Dykstra, who bit .438 with four homers and eight RBIs in the World Series loss to Torouso, has tentatively agreed to a \$24.9 million, four-year contract extension that runs through 1998 and will make him the highest-paid player in Philadelphia Phillies history.

#### For the Record

English socrar's governing body, citing insufficient evidence, said it will not charge Wimbledon striker John Fashann over an elbow incident Man nearly blinded Tottenham captain Gary Mabbutt.

(AP)

Va'sign Tolganuts, the New Zealand winger who is probably the most popular member of the All Black team, has made the switch to professional rugby by signing a contract with English league champion Wigan.
The contract was reported to be worth about £400,000 (\$600,000) over 4½



Yachts tacking for shifting winds battled for position as the Sydney-to-Hobart race began. They face gale force winds in the days ahead.

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# Brindabella Takes Lead In Sydney-Hobart Race

SYDNEY - The favorite, Brindabella, got off to a brilliant start Sunday in the 49th Sydney-to-Hobart race and forged out of Sydney Harbor six minutes ahead of pocket maxi Hammer of Queensland.

Tacking into the face of a fresh-ening 15 knot northeaster. Brindabella took only 12 minutes to reach the heads and quickly hoisted a spinnaker to take advantage of the tail wind before strong southerly headwinds hit the fleet.
Forecasters predicted one of the

toughest races ever, with gale force headwinds up to 40 to 50 knots. "It doesn't look good. It could be the worst Sydney-to-Hobart ever," said forecaster Rodger Badaman. The worse race on record was in 1984 when one crewman was killed

and 104 of the 150 boats retired. Hammer of Queensland, now in its ninth Sydney-to-Hobart, per- Sydney-to-Hobart is the seventh formed exceptionally well in the freshening headwind to edge past the second favorite. Amazon, and was second out of the harbor.

Race veteran Ragamussin was

there was less breeze.

Many of the smaller boats were

considering charting a course wel out to sea in an attempt to sail around the had weather.

But George Snow, owner of the 22.9-meter (75-foot) Brindabella still believed he had a chance of breaking the 18-year race record. Race sponsor Kodak is offering 100,000 Australian dollars (\$60,000) to the yacht breaking the record of 2 days, 14 hours, 36 min-

utes, 56 seconds set by the American maxi ketch Kialoa in 1975. Brindabella, launched only three months ago, took line honors by 16 hours in its inaugural outing, the 408-mile Gosford-to-Lord Howe.

against the wind. It also took line honors in all six races in the seven-race Southern Cross Cup series last week. The

New Morning II was forced to retire four minutes into the race when she broke a mast after a collision. That left 104 boats in the

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m ARIS}$  — In France the holiday season is one long bouffe with food stores open late seven days a week so people can buy their oysters, capons, chestnuts, lobsters, chocolates, pates, pineapples and buffalo steaks. Well, not a lot of buffalo steaks. Not yet.

But Albert Defois, in the west of France, will be eating steack de bison, while in Alsace, Francis and Marie-Paule

#### MARY BLUME

Riff will be stewing it into a civet. Jacques de la Salle, who lives in the center, between Poitiers and Limoges, will sit down to a nice buffalo roast and so will Xavier Denis in Dieppe, though his will be a filet enhanced by foie gras.

These French men and women are pioneering buffalo. or bison, breeders. There are only about 20 in France, but in the French manner there are already two rival breeders' associations. With the exception of Xavier Denis, who is a fish tycoon, they tend to be cattle breeders who from 1990 began importing North American buffalo with the hope of

a profitable spin-off in novelty meat.

It is slow going: the French, blessed with a suberb native cuisine, are suspicious of new foods. "Still," says Francis Riff, "this is our third holiday season and each year there is progress."

The Bison bonasus or European bison, a woods animal which lives only incidentally on grass, was an important food animal from prehistoric times and, according to Waverley Root, was found in Switzerland until the 11th century, in France until the 15th, and in Transylvania until the 18th A few survive in Poland.

The animal that provides food today is the Bison americames, a grazing animal known in North America as the Plains buffalo (it was the English, who inaccurately and indelibly, called the bison buffaloes when they first saw them what is now Washington, D. C. in 1612).

Incredibly plentiful — there were 60 million head when the white man reached America — the bison was so beedlessly slaughtered that the small number now left, about 135,000, is protected by conservationists.

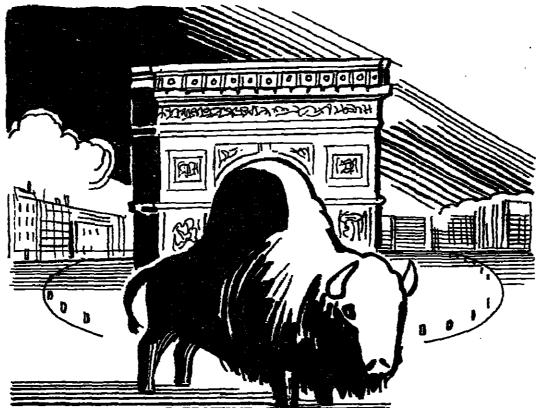
In Colorado alone, there are now about 55 buffalo ranches, according to The New York Times, and some 1,000 nationwide, the most famous rancher being Ted Turner with 4,000 head. On the grounds that animals that are eaten do not become extinct, the buffalo meat industry is taking off nicely in the United States, aided by research showing that buffalo is lower in cholesterol, calories and fat than the usual table meats, poultry and even some fish.

A Denver restaurant features Buffalo Teriyaki, Buffalo

Kebab, Buffalo Ravioli, Buffalo Bratwurst and Buffalo Dogs. In New York, a well-known restaurant called An American Place, offers Buffalo Carpaccio for \$9.50. "It is an expensive item, so to keep the price down we serve it as an appetizer," says the restaurant's manager, Kevin Dwyer, Buffalo, he says, can be cooked in all ways beef can. "It's much leaner and has a slightly sweeter taste.

It's really very good." Although one French breeder, requesting anonymity, says he wouldn't cross the street for a buffalo steak. customers who have tasted the meat like it. "They expect it to be tough and strong in flavor, while in fact it is tender and delicate." Xavier Denis says. The problem is that in France buffalo steak costs a whopping 150 to 200 francs

The animals, imported from Canada because French



law forbids American imports, cost a great deal more than beef, four times as much, Xavier Denis says, and they reproduce with some difficulty in France.

"One trouble is that a vet can't get near them if it's a difficult birth," Marie-Paule Riff says. Jacques de la Salle wonders if France's mild climate is less efficient at immunizing the animals against disease than the Canadian

De la Salle seils his meat to the Galeries Lafayette but most of the breeders sell locally to butchers, restaurants and private customers. "We have no marketing campaigns, it is all word of mouth," Francis Riff says.

The Riffs, whose main occupation is breeding Charolais cattle, sell their buffalo meat in Strasbourg but not over the border in Germany. "The German is materialistic, he wants a big car and

spends nothing on food," Marie-Paule Riff says. Yet there are bison breeders in Germany. "It's not for food, it's un hobby," Francis Riff says.

Like the Germans, the French have a passion for le far ouest and Albert Defois thinks this might account for some of the local interest in bison. He hasn't given his animals Indian names -- he has a male called Titi and a female called Romaine - but he does have on his staff a peau rouge named Olson who was raised in South Dakota and who in summer takes visiting children through the tepees Defois has built on part of his land.

"The bison is part of a myth. It means space, the Far West, a product that is already fixed in the imagination, de La Salle says. But the western image isn't yet part of the breeders' strategy because they have no strategy.

"No one knew how to start making market studies because we figured that the people questioned would say anything at all." says de La Salle. "The one thing we do know is that various studies have shown that there will be an interest in exotic food products by the year 2000 and we see bison as an exotic food product like the alligator or the

Most of the breeders seem to think it will take the buffalo another six or eight years to become a normal plat du jour. In the meantime, the ostrich seems to have stolen a march on the humpbacked cow, as Colorado called bison when he first saw them in Texas in the 16th century.

Ostrich meat, even costlier than bison, is sold in purplish gobbets at a top Paris and is available in steaks at the Monoprix chain stores. Free recipes are offered for Ostrich Steak with Five Peppers and Ostrich Filet a l'orange.

Like buffalo, ostrich meat is said to be low in chloresterol. As for its flavor, a panel of experts in Britain, where ostrich breeding is also taking off, was polite. The food critic of The Times detected a slightly metallic aftertaste but made a summary of impressive diplomacy: "It is more like beef than the flesh of any fowl I have ever tasted," he

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#### **LANGUAGE**

# Studying the Shadings of Meanings

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Synonymy — the study of shadings of meaning, the fine distinctions be tween words that carry similar but not the same import — is alive and well at the White House. John B. Judis of The New Republic was interview-

ing Robert Rubin, the languid dynamo who is President Clinton's economic coordinator. When I asked Rubin where he got his political views," Judis wrote, "he winced at the vagueness of the

term views. Rubin is sensitive to words and phrases the way a sectarian is to creeds. . . . It's a kind of fussiness, but also part of his deadpan earnestness and

The reporter tried opinions, sentiments and finallyhe didn't have a thesaurus in his pocket —sensibilities.
"Sensibilities is a good word," Rubin allowed, and proceeded to give the sources of his mind-set.

Here is my opinion about a group of words that deal with judgments we make about what we think is true. By opinion, I mean my own conclusion about the rightness of anything, which I am well aware may not be yours. My view is even more personal — the way I see a possible truth from inside my own head — and is applied mostly to public issues. My judgment is more deliberative, suggesting much chin-pulling in arriving at a position — quite unlike sentiment ("Them's my sentiments exactly"), which rests in an emotional response. My belief — which can be tentatively held or profoundly a matter of faith — is more certain about truth than an opinion, far more sure than my impression, though not as certain as my conviction

Where does sensibility lit in? To the roots: opinion comes from the Latin opinari.
"to think"; view from videre, "to see": sentiment from sentire, "to feel." Sensibility deals with that last sense, of the senses; its complex meaning is "awareness of and responsiveness to the emotions of others."

Before she wrote "Pride and Prejudice," the n Jane Austen wrote "Sense and Sensibility" in 1811. She used sensibility as a synonym for sentimentality, which she attacked as emotional shallowness; in her alliterative title, she contrasts the weak emotion of sensibility with plain good sense.

In current use, sensibility is often defined as "the ability to receive sensations." But it often carries a negative connotation, usually in the plural — "it offended his sensibilities" — of excessive sensitivity.

"The buck stops here" was the sign on Harry Truman's desk, cited then and since as evidence of a willingness to accept responsibility for making decisions. President Jimmy Carter also displayed the motto in his office. When Attorney General Janet Reno used the buck-stops-here phrase on television after the disastrons storming of a redoubt near Waco, Texas, her operational blunder was transformed into a public relations bonanza.

In lexicographical endeavors, I have described the buck stops here as a poker-playing phrase. The buck, a marker to show which player next had the deal, could be passed on to the next player if the one possessing the marker did not want the responsibility of dealing. (That marker was often a silver dollar, which is how the dollar came to be known as the buck.)

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Comes now Daniel Patrick Moynihan, currently a senator but a Former Naval Person, with an alternative theory. "On the matter of the buck: I am sure you are right about the usage in poker," he writes, "but surely there is a naval source as well. On a big ship with a large wardroom, a small dooded of whatever sort moves down the table day-by-day from one seat to the next. The officer where the buck has stopped gets served first

that day. Correspondingly, the next day he is last.

"To say 'the buck stops here," Moynihan concludes, "is to say 'I get fed first."

Only a steadfast devotion to the truth drives Senator Moynihan to report this alternative etymology, which leads to a variant meaning. Pity to introduce ambiguity here; the other meaning seemed so decisive.

□. We have to take our communities back," President Clinton said, and then used a familiar construction: "Community by community. Block by block. . . . Child by child."

And speech writer by speech writer. The Clinton usage caused Ed McNally, a member of the Judson Welliver Society of former White House speech writ-crs, to suggest this president be given the Joe Biden award" for heavy lifting, in recollection of the 1988 attack on that presidential candidate for rhetorical

McNally cites this speech by President George Bush on Sept. 5, 1990, in which I suspect he may have had a hand: "Block by block. School by school Child by child. We will 'Take Back the Streets' And we will never surrender."

Students of oratory know that was based on Winston Churchill's 1940 Dunkirk speech: "We shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall

fight in the hills; we shall never surrender.

Before crediting Churchill as the originator of the step by step defense, do you suppose that master of the spoken word recalled the phrasing of Georges Clemencean's defiance in 1918: "I shall fight in front of Paris, within Paris, behind Paris ? Clemencean himself was paraphrasing the words of Marshal Ferni-nand Foch about Amiens.

So much for rhetorical roots to the Bush refusal to give in; what about the derivation of the "child by

child construction? In 1709, The Tatler in England applied the device to the military, advising generals to "Draw out Company by Company, and Troop by Troop," which was more widely understood than the military "in detail."

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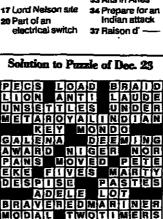
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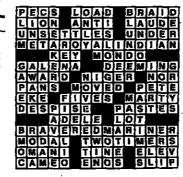
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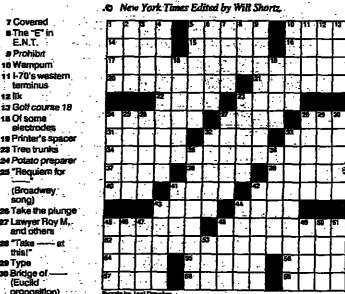
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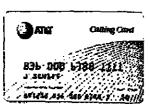
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